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A MAJOR WINDELL



Many Canadians born and raised during the Depression have spent the rest of their lives doggedly building up their savings. As a result, any analysis of their heirs will include an astounding \$1 trillion over the next 20 years, triggering a spectacular spending boom. Some politicians, like Ariens Party leader's husband, Bob Rae, are reacting with calls for the return of inheritance taxes. — 48

BUSINESS

A TYCOON GOES GREEN

Over three decades, Anglo-French financier Sir James Goldsmith, 57, has built an international reputation as a corporate predator. But last week, apparently mollified, Goldsmith announced that he would end his business career and devote his life and billion-dollar fortune to the environment. — 43



CANADA

OTTAWA JOINS THE DEBATE

The collapse of the Meech Lake second plebiscite Canada into constitutional uncertainty. Now, with opposition parties, provinces and political groups all preparing their own proposals, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has pledged that he too will once more come forward to help redefine the nation. — 20



LETTERS

CONTROVERSIAL DELETION

I am appalled and dismayed that you have altered *Artista* Richard Lakacz's image of *Artista* (thereby underselling the potential use of the figure in the painting "Artista the painter," *Art*, Oct. 1). I am alarmed that a thing like this could happen in a major Canadian magazine. I would hope that Canada could distinguish itself from the United States' most recent *Esquire* in response to images someone was uncomfortable with. I imagine you may not of the *Notre-Dame* Chapel if the sight of a penis bothers you that much.

Diane Harris
Director, Diane Harris Gallery,
Halifax

Refraining the genitals was offensive to all of us who value the spirit and importance of art, not to mention freedom of individual expression. Arbitrary acts of censorship undermine the mental health of Canadian society.

Lorne Feltz
Program Director, Art Studio,
The Banff Centre for the Fine Arts,
Banff, Alta.

Your attitude is smug, irrational and has an air of hypocrisy about it. In this how you report of the *art*! Changing a work of art is like changing a text or a quote—a deliberate falsification and misrepresentation. You do damage to the art's integrity and smear your readers when you alter works of art, especially for the sake of piggishness.

Scott Wilson
Curator, Fine Arts Gallery,
University of British Columbia,
Vancouver

EDITOR'S NOTE: The decision to withdraw your made in error late in the magazine's closing cycle. It does not represent Maclean's policy nor does it reflect any form of censorship on the magazine's part.

SENATOR CLEARS THE RECORD

The story "Senators with push" (*Opening Notes*, Oct. 26) is untrue. I was on the pay phone when the *affidavit* passed me the ticket for the 12:30 a.m. on the 9:30 flight. I did not push my way to the front of the line. Senator Philip Macdonald and I walked down the corridor to the counter where the 9:30 flight was boarding as the chance that some passengers might not show. A seat count was taken and there were three seats, and then three given boarding passes for the flight.

Senator John M. Buchanan,
The Senate,
Ottawa



Lakacz's *Authentic Decor* alarmed

REMEMBERING THE FLQ CRISIS

The current bleeding hearts are having a "vuelta" (a "turn") celebrating the 20th anniversary of the bombing of the *War Memorial*. *Art* ("The *War Memorial*," cover, Oct. 13). How do

they classify the destructive acts by the FLQ, the bombings and, finally, kidnappings and murder in 1970? Only possible action by then-Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau stopped the FLQ's attempt to establish its own state and avoid a possible bloody confrontation. Trudeau made the right move at the right time. But that he should be praised, not reviled.

L. Elmer Hosen,
Vancouver, B.C.

I can vividly conjure up the shock and disbelief my husband and I experienced driving home from the east end of Montreal, along the Metropolitan Boulevard, to the *Deuxième* anniversary. It was close to midnight when our radio punctuated the serenity of the night with the news of Pierre Laporte's murder and the closing of all exits to our once stable and secure city.

Margaret MacDonald,
Ottawa

The most offensive aspect of the October Crisis was the suitcase recovered by its murderer Paul Rose. Why did he not get life imprisonment with 15 years of parole for 25 years?

Morrell C. Francis,
London, Ont.

PASSAGES

WORD: By Ewandro Holyfield, 23, the world heavyweight boxing title. Holyfield, the challenger and 240-5 pounds, knocked out the former heavyweight champion, James (Buster) Douglas, 36, in the third round of the championship bout. Last February, Douglas upset the overwhelmingly favored Mike Tyson in Tokyo to win his heavyweight title. But in last week's fight at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas, Douglas, at a bulky 246 lb., weighed 14 lb. more than when he defeated Tyson. Holyfield weighed 253 lb. For those alerts during the fight, which lasted just seven minutes and 10 seconds, Holyfield received \$5.6 million and Douglas received \$3.2 million.



WORD: On founder and broadcaster, secretary William Paley, 85, of a heart attack in New York City (page 58).

SENTENCES: Washington Mayor Marion Barry, 54, was sentenced to 18 months in prison and a \$5,000 fine for possessing cocaine. Barry, 54, was convicted of only one of 14 charges. But federal judge Thomas Jackson said Barry hid his "and self-concealment to the drug culture." Barry's third term ends in January. He is not seeking re-election, but is running for city council next week.

WORD: Rumba king Xavier Cugat, 90, of eternal adoration, in Barcelona. At 52, Cugat was a rumba with the Havana String Quartet. He got his start in Hollywood when *Studio* Valenciano asked him to form a band to accompany the film star in

his second the origin this story film, Cugat's flamenco style and pulsing rhythms accorded millions to Latin American music, and he made several movies.

PHOTOGRAPH: British rock star Rod Stewart, 45, and Rachel Hunter, 21, a model from New Zealand, to be married on Dec. 15 in Los Angeles. Stewart met Hunter, who appeared in the cover of last month's *Australian* *Hope*, in August shortly after separating from model Kelly Rowland, 30.

WORD: Former members of the Canadian ice team Dave Murray, 27, in a Vancouver hospital after a three-year battle with cancer. Murray and his teammates, who included Ken Read, Steve Podewski and Dave Lewis, became known as the "Crazy Canucks" for their aggressive skating style.

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BEATING UP ON THE GREAT ONE

Yikes! Gristle-busting has gone before the belt. It seems that we lose our sense of compassion for barons when their aristocratic misdeeds involve wealth and fame ("Blue-face Whims," Books, Oct. 1). Wayne Gristley "complains," your reviewer writes, he "sniffs," he "groans," he "grumbles"—could these be the better sentiments of a disappointed Calgary Flames fan? Personally, I had trouble putting Gristley. *An Autobiography* does. What your reviewer described as whining, I understood as straightforwardness. Over the years, Gristley has been described in many ways, but "bloody opaque" borders on the absurd.

John St. Germain,
Montreal

I am rather upset about your review of Gristley's *An Autobiography*. Gristley went through a lot of hardships in his climb to the top, as does anyone who works in his field. He is not only a spectacular athlete, but also a kind and cooperative person. Everyone should stop putting him down and be proud that he is a Canadian.

Jessie Rydervold,
Dulles, Ala.

WHERE IS THE BEEF?

Your item "The disabled ones" (Opening Notes, Oct. 1) details a recent incident in St. John's, Nfld., in which one television station (STV) filmed the vehicle of another TV station (CBC) illegally parked in a handicapped parking spot. An executive producer at STV is quoted as saying that CBC started a "dispute" by "secretly" filing a report about a provincial politician parking in a handicapped spot. He is quoted further as saying that CBC is "on a handicap." My questions are: What dispute? What handicap? The last time CBC ran a story on handicapped parking was in February of 1986—hardly recent. CBC has publicly apologized for the incident of illegal parking, and staff at CBC St. John's have been explicitly told not to use such reserved parking spots.

Jon Dyer,
Regional Director
CBC Newfoundland and Labrador,
St. John's

CRYING GETS US NOWHERE

After reading your article "A cry for the children" (Children, Oct. 1) and listening to press conferences about the globe's children, I simply must give vent to my anger. Why do serious humanitarian problems inevitably get patchwork solutions? Why can we not tell our leaders to stop wasting millions of dollars for monuments and instead use this money to provide an acceptable quality of life for those

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who are less well-off? Instead, we behave as if the planet's resource availability is boundless. The simple fact is that if we want more than just a substantial quality of life for every last man, woman and child, then we in the affluent part of the world will have to accept a substantial decline in our standard of living.

Harvard de Wit,
Ottawa

The welfare of the child is vital to all areas of human progress. Where is the validity of a religious doctrine, whatever it may be, that objects to stand united against the violation of children's rights? Where is the justice of governments if children are neglected in any areas that foster true progress?

Faye Collier,
Regina

If the World Summit for Children had set out to design and implement a worldwide initiative towards the prevention of avoidable and unwanted births, it would have taken the first step towards the only viable solution. Instead, it chose to let the problem continue and even escalate, while it applies Band-Aids.

Rachelle Krausz,
Edmonton, Ont.

CANADIANS IN THE GULF

Why are our servicemen and women at the Persian Gulf without the consent of Parliament and with no clear reasons for being there? "Ready for war." Cover. Out. I.P.A. are we protecting the U.S. oil supply, or coming to the rescue of two feudal kingdoms—or both?

Geordie Cross,
Sarnia, B.C.

The inclusion of Canada in NATO requires us to be involved in peacekeeping duties worldwide. Such duties are to deter any hostile aggression by nations intent on seeing a weaker nation's viability assayed by force. We have shown ourselves capable of carrying out large operations in the past. Canadian lives may be lost if a conflict breaks out in the Persian Gulf, but we should be prepared to accept that as readily as every other nation that has sent a delegation there. If Canadians do not want to be a part of international diplomacy, then maybe we should think about becoming a neutral country.

Greg Zetwoud,
Victoria

Selman Hassen will have little to worry about if the Right tracing our pilots receive is no better than their small-screen training as depicted in "Ready for war." As former director of operations at the National Firearms Training

operations at the National Firearms Training Academy in Lachena, Que. and earlier having trained over 500 police, security guards and others in the safe and effective handling of handguns, I can see that none of the three men with pistols shown in your photo is holding his weapon correctly. One of the pilots rates being hit there when he fires, and another could fall over backwards because of his stance.

Gene Young,
Duchard-des-Ormeaux, Que.

A LAND OF CONFUSION

Having had the misfortune of reading Barbara Ansel's "The confusion in people's minds" (Column, Oct. 26), I shall further waste my time by responding to it. Ansel tosses out the same old clichés of threats to rights and liberty and wealth. She attempts to mislead us of what she perceives in the luncheon-loving socialist heretics that have seduced Ontario. I was shocked, however, by her concern for the emigration of Conrad Black's writing ability. Maybe Ansel can further show her concern by writing a follow-up column with the title "Four rich capitalists, shield by literary wealth, forced to buy tabloid to reveal 'scathing' criticism." No doubt the lower strata of society—perhaps the single mother struggling to cope because of a work environment that treats her unequally—will now be more content with life's lot after seeing how someone so high up can suffer such injustice.

Martin Mathan,
Ottawa, Ont.

Barbara Ansel hits the nail right on the head with respect to Canada's cultural and linguistic wealth and success. Indeed, I will go even further and say there is now a significant minority of Canadians who literally despise success, and worship egalitarianism and its threatened child, mediocrity. Many Canadians (and not only academics) have accepted, to a great extent, the tenets of Marxism—the primacy of the group over the value of the individual. Canada is hurting as a philosophical state—the destruction of the spirit of individualism.

Dr. Paul Franklin,
Kamloops, B.C.

Before Barbara Ansel writes another column on liberty and the moral and intellectual virtues of human enterprise, perhaps she should spend more time reading Marjorie's articles on such necessities of democratic capitalism as the collapse of trust companies in Alberta, the job-bomb scandal on Wall Street or the multibillion-dollar savings and loan debacle in the United States.

Paul Pietroniro,
Cherbourg, Ont.

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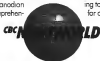
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SOUNDING THE ALARM

Karen Don't's Oct. 8 editorial was both thoughtful and accurate in its assessment of Canadians' consideration of civil disobedience and anarchy ("The Road To Anarchy," from the Editor's Desk). There is a cancer in the Canadian body politic, and it will only go away with major surgery—or a miracle.

P. B. Lind,
Gravenhurst, Ont.

Is it not so that the Governor General has the duty to oversee the well-being of the country and has the power, when necessary, to dissolve Parliament and call an election? When I read your summary of our situation, I was plagued again to wonder, "Should not the Governor General be acting?" We cannot afford another two years or so of this government.

John Marshall,
Toronto

You appear to be unaware that anarchy was practiced by the biblical Hebrew nation during its first 400 years. These people lived without a king, without a civil service and without taxes. Their secret was a structure for working out individual, group and national problems by consensus. We should try it. It works.

Jim Grossman,
Bridville, Ont.

There are indeed the best of times and the worst of times. The powerful centralized state is a relatively recent development in Canada. In 1916, the federal government had little to do with the daily affairs of the citizens. There were local governments, newspapers and social organizations. Life was centered on the family, church, firm and consumer groups. There were few taxes and fewer deputy ministers. Today, we work for large corporations, read mass daily newspapers and vote for mass political parties. It was much easier to be different in 1916. It is not that the state is evil. Rather, the modern state is a bore.

Walter Jensen,
Windsor, Ont.

AN AFFAIR OF THE HEART

As an ex-Torontonian, I take exception to Allan Richardson's cynical and scathing, aside remarks about my city ("At its heart, there is none," Colours, Oct. 10). Perhaps Richardson should interview a few of us who weathered Toronto's ravages, participated on its beaches, soaked from the shade and grew up in a safe, clean environment. I often return to Toronto to renew happy memories.

Mary Smith,
Markham, Ont.



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OPENING NOTES

Marla Maples pouts about her profile, Canada geese lay waste in London parks, and NDP consultants cash in

CALIFORNIA DREAMING

David Peterson, the man who has tried to his Ontario premier's suicide for converts in an occasional role as a junior in the TV comedy series *King of the Hill*, says that he does not expect to make a career out of acting. Despite the fact that he has described the experience as "fabulous," and although he has already lost his talents to two episodes of the series that stars his wife, Shelley, the former premier appears to have other career options to consider. And right now, the hottest speculation is coming from Los Angeles, where the media and business communities are buzzing with the word that Peterson



The Peterson career considerations

will succeed Joan Wasser as Canada's consul general. Apparently, the tall and tenacious young and handsome Peterson is widely admired in sunny California, where good looks and an accent in the family are considered valuable attributes. Another rumor involves Peterson's appointment to a commission that the federal government is planning to set up in rivalry Canada's constitutional forum in the post-Meech Lake era. And then there are the inevitable speaking engagements. For his part, Peterson denies that he is considering any of the rumored appointments. But he did confirm that he will make a few speeches to private gatherings. And what else? Peterson, the private citizen, has adopted a new religion. "I'm keeping myself busy," he told *Maclean's* recently. Then, he added: "Don't trade in rumors. They're all wrong." But not always.

Slipping underneath the cover

Marla Maples, who has been looking at the limelight since the disclosure of her liaison with Donald Trump (and the status of the rich and famous last winter, says that she has been seduced. Maples is evidently out of early because of a decision by *Playboy* editor Tina Brown to run Chris instead of Maples on the cover of the November issue. Maples's publicist, Chuck Jones, said that she greeted the appearance on the basis that it would be a cover story. He also covered Brown of course, because in the *Playboy* article in July. Said Brown, in a tongue-in-cheek defense of his decision: "We tried it on a cover, but in the light of the Gulf Crisis no thought to it was more appropriate." She denied cutting the story, however. "It was always 6,000 words. I think that is quite enough about Marla Maples. Don't you?" But what wonderful wedding day. In the article, Chris writes, "Getting to know Marla Maples is also to getting your thumb on an unbroken can and watching mountains of Reddy-Wig flow out." Daughters, beware.

Maples: a critical remark is a heartbreaker



Maples: a critical remark is a heartbreaker

THE NDP AND THE STRIPPERS

The *Starry Star* model has sent its erotic dancers packing. In Riverton, Man., 130 km north of Winnipeg, it has been a popular spot to view strippers. But in September, the owner, Rhonda Major Clifford Evans, was elected as an NDP member of the provincial legislature. And the NDP caucus has been pressuring Evans to end the entertainment. Cautiously stripping, they say, contradicts NDP concerns about sexual exploitation. Evans said that the dancers were difficult because the strippers brought on business. But, clearly, the show must not go on.

CONSULTING WITH CONSCIENCE

Now that the vote is in, the reckoning in Ontario, some party luminaries have found that their political consciences are valuable assets. Suddenly, a business community that is grappling with the new government's policies is eager to consult with consultants. Peter O'Malley, Ed Broadbent's former press secretary, runs an Ottawa-based consulting firm, Dennis Young, who was federal secretary of the NDP from 1985 to 1987, has joined the lobbying firm Public Affairs International.

But Young insists that he is not in it for the money. Former NDP MP Richard Johnston said that, while he will advise corporations about its policy, he will not lobby on their behalf. And Gerald Caplan, who in 1985-1986 co-chaired a task force on Canadian broadcasting, called the work of business a "business" for consultants who, he said, used their "hair shirts" to bag jobs. Said Caplan, who is rumored to be a leading contender to succeed Bernard Liang as chairman of "Frontiers," it's a long time since the NDP thought it was allied to an armed with huge bags of stale sandwiches. "Power to the power lobbies."



Young, not money



Caplan: no more brown-bag lunches

What is good for the goose

Canadian fiction weighed down by the trappings of a colonial past can rest assured that vengeance is theirs. The descendants of a pair of *Canadians* were reported in London during the reign of Charles II in the 1600s have been doing some convincing of their own. Conscientious estimates that, by the year 2000, there will be 50,000 of the great in Britain. The birds have become a real health hazard, with the average goose producing a three-week dropping every six weeks. Saint, conscientious John Harvey: "We are at our wit's end." And the birds have only begun.

Valley of violence

Tree hugging not for business. At least that is what environmentalists at Vancouver Island's Carmanah Valley are discovering. Last month, members of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee learned that vandals did about \$113,000 worth of damage to a research station at the upper Carmanah. Joseph Foy, a director of the committee, said that someone used chains and hammers to destroy a foot bridge and about 300 ft of boardwalk. As well, the lone staircase leading to the ground Foy blamed the damage on what he called "industrial log-jacking boys." The valley contains 1,600-year-old cedar trees. Sixty spruce and fir 31 stories and threatened species of wildlife. Last summer, the province made the lower Carmanah a park, and suspended logging in the upper part of the valley pending the outcome of environmental studies. But loggers say that the environmentalists are threatening their livelihood. Richard Bennett, a television producer who spent part of August at the three most serious logging a nature program with David Suzuki for the CBC, said that hostile loggers beat the film crew while they were on location. Said Bennett, who returned to Carmanah last week: "I feel a little nervous. The level of hostility seems pretty high." About as high as the treetops.



Suzuki's environmentalists

PICKET-LINE HEADLINES

Striking workers at the Conquest, N.B., *L'Acadie nouvelle* cannot read the line of the printing press. The paper has ceased publication, but reporters, copy editors and other staff are publishing a daily of their own from strike headquarters. In little more than a week, *Le Journal d'Acadie* has grown from one to eight pages of news, weather and sports, with a circulation of 3,000, compared with 16,000 for *L'Acadie nouvelle*. Union spokesman Nelson Landry says workers are trying to show that they are "the people who do the paper every day." *L'Acadie nouvelle* general manager Gilles Hénault said he would not comment on the quality of the new publication, but he observed, "They are more productive when they're on strike."

A RUDE HOMECOMING

The pervasive spirit of gluttony at homecoming is not as innocent as it seems.

Some of the most vicious of the group of violent, committed Soviet citizens. Moscow did about 250 people, many of them relatives of Soviet POWs. Minister Edward Shevardnadze and Deputy Prime Minister Yury Yavlinsky, among others, were taken to a special camp in Leningrad, near the city of Novosibirsk, a city in Siberia.

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the Supreme Soviet, began discussing an emergency. The two are still together, but apparently the working session, which took place last month, met about 200,000. The two, including two daughters of a Soviet leader, were taken to a special camp in Leningrad, near the city of Novosibirsk, a city in Siberia.

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Shevardnadze: relatives abroad



Why war in the Gulf is absolutely necessary

BY BARBARA AMIEL

According to classical mythology, there once lived a great leader who tried to counsel the Greeks about his best strategy. "You will cross a river," he was told, "and an enemy will be defeated." After celebrating the news, the emperor gathered his forces and set off. He crossed a river and on the morning battle was declared. An empire was lost all right, but it was his own. In the story of George Bush's war to the east of Saudi Arabia?

One rarely writes a column with the wish that it will be wrong in every detail—still, this is such a column. The United States, it seems to me, is on the verge of creating a dreadful fiasco in the Middle East, with no prospects for years to come. The cause is the slight esteem to the American people to pursue years—a lifetime at will. George Bush has flown over rivers and seas to place his soldiers in front of the enemy. Now his co-ed army sits in the Saudi sands while the commander-in-chief in Washington talks softly about the need to find a diplomatic solution and avert a war. This is a fine way to lose everything.

There is no need to attack the defenses Bush lacks actually. The transport of equipment for desert warfare and supply lines taken away. A war commander-in-chief has his own military necessities dictate the time to fight, and is not swayed by the timetable of his enemy. But instead, these needs must be a realistic perception of how long George Bush's amateur forerunner action in the Gulf can continue. Misadventure, he managed to convince the world that his action in opposing Saddam Hussein's aggression in the Gulf were right. Why is he frustrating this consensus now?

One need not be an oracle to know that it would only be a matter of time before the American media and liberal intellectuals co-opted. They are far more comfortable in the cautious and hesitating group attitudes of the old Vietnam scenario. "Should we really be there?" is the theme now becoming more pronounced on U.S. news shows. Are we crude

considering sending in our Coca-Cola-sipping soldiers? Or is one commentator on NBC news put it, "We're bringing the American way of life to the desert, and the Arabs understandably don't like it." The argument is clear: America is a vulgar intruder intent on disrupting inner medieval Lawrence of Arabia way of life.

But here is what the vast as the sand has achieved in a matter of days the Spaniards have managed to get in Lebanon what they've done for years—a free hand to massacre and kill. The response of the West has been to politely look the other way. Syria, after all, is on our side at the moment. Never mind that Hafez al-Assad is every bit as ruthless as Saddam Hussein. Baghdad can be chosen. Lebanon must be sacrificed on the altar of our respectability.

What scenario is to be the American scenario to get Hussein out of Kuwait and get the war back—and then all the U.S. servicemen can go home to their Baggis. Initially, they seemed to be an understanding that the only way was not enough. Hussein and his arsenal of deadly weapons had to be destroyed. Why? Because, in the end, the Gulf crisis is not simply about cheap oil for America, but rather what

the Middle East will be in the years to come. The fight in the Middle East is really a battle for leadership of the Arab nations. We are watching a contest between Arab moderates led by Egypt's Mubarak and the neo-fascists led by Hussein. Syria's Assad, another contender for the crown, is content at the moment with his grab of Lebanon. No one doubts that, whoever wins the battle, there will have to be a fairly radical redistribution of oil resources and money. The notion that a few wealthy families could, through a bit of geological luck, sit on immense amounts of oil while the rest of Arabia sits on nothing but sand, is doomed. It has been a race run for the Arabs and their ladies, shopping in Harrods and gambling in Deauville. But all such runs have a limit.

Now, Egypt must win, or she will be a nation of beggars. It is a country that a population rich (15 million) and of poor lives, on the other hand, is all rich with a population of just 17 million. Unless he has a sea change, Hussein will cut his victory to go on and destroy the Gulf nations, and then he will. The only hope the West has for some stability in the region is for Hussein to be defeated and Mubarak to survive. This was, an accommodation with the status quo of the Gulf states could be reached, in which sustained oil revenues would go to Egypt and Iraq's economy could be changed.

George Bush convinced the world that opposing Saddam Hussein was right. Why is he frittering this consensus away?

But the shock of agreement is in the Arab nations. Hussein has been led enough to play by the book when it comes to floating atomic bombs, indulging in naked aggression, torture, rape and pillage, and yet still, the Americans at war for a cause that Hussein, being clever but not mad, has managed to be lost better not to avoid Saudi Arabia until the Americans go home. The Saudis have begged that George Bush in facing midterm elections, and the opinion polls are telling him the Americans are not keen on a war against Iraq. As a result, the Saudi Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz has begun making strong noises of appointment towards Hussein. With allies like the Americans, wouldn't you?

I am not pacified or encouraged by the new American stance. I am concerned that we have won by the talk of a possibility of nuclear weapons in the Gulf. This sounds to me like a more serious: a subconscious belief which everyone can feel increasingly released when a negotiated peace with Hussein is announced. There will be no loss of honor for him if he withdraws in the glow of having secured the West's agreement to an international conference reviewing the entire situation in the Middle East (read Beirut). Such a conference would be a triumph for him and the breaking of the war is a trap.

We all rightly loathe the idea of war. Chains of slaughter and slaughter and steel on open bodies and traumatic souls. There is neither glory nor dignity in war. But there is honor in trying to act in a way that causes the least possible loss of life. What is it that I hope that Hussein and his army will be the ones to be killed, George Bush will be the one to be killed. Hussein, with or without a new cause



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Mulroney at Tory event on Vancouver animosity

starlets in Vancouver, Mulroney publicly renounced his earlier commitment. The Prime Minister declared that while "the great couple of weeks," he will announce plans for a process that will "help us redefine the nation."

In fact, despite the difficulties and potential political risks of restarting the constitutional debate, the presence on Mulroney to do just that is astounding. For one thing, several promises have already launched their own constituencies, which threaten Ottawa's control over the constitutional agenda. Both the opposition Liberals and New Democrats are also preparing to offer their own competing constitutional proposals in Quebec and the West, meanwhile, new political groups are pressing for more radical solutions to the constitutional deadlock. In response, Mulroney's staff and cabinet have for several

weeks been debating both the direction the government should take in its next step—and its timing.

One consideration, however, is not in doubt, whatever new solutions the government endorses, it will be designed to open the process of constitution-building to Canadians at large. One senior adviser to Mulroney told *Maclean's* that the plan currently forming at Ottawa is for an upcoming panel that would conduct a series of small "caucus" forums across the country and then report its findings to Ottawa. Describing the proposal as "designed to be quite informal and loosely structured," Mulroney's adviser said that "the main aim would be to let back and forth to what kind of Canada Canadians want." At the end of the process, the panel would submit its findings to the federal cabinet, which would then decide what further action to take.

Nevertheless, in his address, Mulroney himself has not yet made up his mind about what steps would follow next. But some Tories suggest that the party could use the panel's report to form the centerpiece of its campaign platform in the next general election, which must be called before September, 1993. If the election occurred the Conservatives would expect the government would open a new round of federal-provincial constitutional bargaining.

The panel's members, according to sources inside the race, would be drawn from several different areas of society—but probably would not include senior elected politicians. The government mentioned as a likely choice to lead the group: former Alberta premier Peter Loughe

and. Others include former Saskatchewan premier Allan Rock and former Ontario premier William Davis and David Peterson.

At the same time, it is clear that Mulroney increasingly risks losing the stature to the provinces. Quebec's Bédard-Caspey commission, for one, will begin holding public hearings on May 15, with a preliminary constitutional forum on May 15. Led by Michel Bélanger, the former chairman of the National Bank of Canada, and Jean Gauthier, who was head of the official *Causes de déclin* at placement before being hired to take over as No. 1 at chairman of Montreal-based Denar Inc., the commission will report to the provincial assembly by next March. Alberta also began public hearings last Friday, and several other provinces, including Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia, have assigned senior civil servants to prepare their own constitutional strategies

meeting constitutional arrangements. Chrétien planned to call for reforms to Canada's central institutions in order to accommodate the aspirations of the country's four regions—the West, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic region. Declared Chrétien: "The Liberal party accepts the sovereignty of Quebec. I do not want to take that to mean that the votes go will not come of the year 2000."

Meanwhile, Mulroney's own terms have already launched an intense internal debate on the subject. Since August 25, when the Prime Minister met his Quebec caucus in the Gaspé region, the Quebec Tories have conducted weekly meetings, discussing exclusively with constitutional issues. And many MPs acknowledge that their constituents are divided in their views their constitutional options. In fact, some are regarded as strong nationalists who will likely seek deep increases in the province's powers and an expanded jurisdiction



Brian Mulroney: forcing a response from the rest of Canada

for Quebec. Treasury Board President Gilles Lavoie said that he has heard similar demands from his Quebec Caucus constituents. Added the minister: "Most of them favour the direction of more sovereignty and a new arrangement with Canada."

At the same time, Mulroney's senior advisers say that they are acutely aware that their new proposals for constitutional reform cannot be limited to Quebec. With the party's current low standing in the polls, senior Tories say that they are not going to allow a single caucus to force any new constitutional program that does not respond to the priorities of other regions as well. Said one adviser to Mulroney: "Any proposal that would offer something to Alberta as well as Quebec would be blown out of the water."

Mulroney himself appeared to howl in such regard. "I've been a nationalist," he said, when he reversed a stand he

took shortly after the Meech collapse. Then, he appeared to negotiate federal-provincial agreements in areas that would have been affected by the Meech decision, a deal that was provincial governments. Indeed, Mulroney stated that one early result would be an agreement with Quebec on immigration. But even as Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall announced a sweeping revision of Canada's national immigration policy last week, the Prime Minister ruled out any separate arrangements for Quebec unless Ottawa reveals its constitutional agenda.

Meanwhile, many analysts insist that Mulroney should delay a new round of negotiations as long as possible. Said Peter Russell, a political assistant at the University of

National Notes

PREPARED FOR FORCE

Former Affairs Minister Joe Clark told the Commons external affairs committee that Canada is prepared to act, even without its approval, to pressure Iraq to end its occupation of Kuwait (page 32).

Three Canadian warships and a squadron of C-130 fighter jets are in the troubled Persian Gulf as part of a multinational blockade against Iraq. Opposition critics accused Clark of "false entry."

INSTRUCTION ON HOLD

In Saskatchewan, the Court of Queen's Bench agreed to the provincial government's request for a working arrangement of hearings into Ottawa's application to halt construction of the controversial Railyard-Alameda development. As work continued on the site, the court also barred some Ottawa's application for a restraining order until the next hearing due next week.

EXPANDING A LAWYER

Former B.C. attorney general Stuart (Shub) Smith, who resigned in July after tapes of some of his telephone conversations were made public by his justice critic Bob Silbert, named Silbert as a lawyer. Smith, who is facing a defamation suit by Victoria lawyer Peter Finniston because of remarks made during two conversations, served legal notice in Silbert that if any libel had been committed against Finniston, it was due to the NDP critic's release of the tapes.

OTTAWA DELAYS

In a special report, Official Languages Commissioner O'Donnell's report said that Ottawa is making repeated delays in implementing the 1969 Official Languages Act, which would require majority language services in the federal government and Crown agencies.

FIGHTING OTTAWA

The Quebec government and Hydro-Québec had they agreed a National Energy Board decision to allow a \$1.5-billion bridge across the Saguenay River. Quebec power exports under new dams, and improvements to existing facilities, are subject to federal environmental reviews.

ONE STEP CLOSER

By a vote of 57 to 51, the new Conservative majority in the Senate defeated the reauthorization of the Liberal-dominated Senate banking committee that the Goods and Services Tax be killed. The 50-50 split was the first time the governing debate in the upper chamber.

CANADA

OTTAWA JOINS THE DEBATE

After the collapse of the Meech Lake constitutional accord last June, the struggle seemed almost foolhardy. Less than a week after the accord expired, a grim and visibly exhausted Prime Minister Jean Mulroney declared, "In the fall and over the next year, we will start all over again." At the time, many senior Tories and provincial politicians privately urged Mulroney to drop the issue, allowing the tensions and animosity that erupted during the negotiations to dissipate. All Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa stood by his earlier declaration that his province would no longer participate in federal-provincial constitutional discussions. But last week, as a meeting with high-profile

THE PRESSURE IS INCREASING ON BRIAN MULRONEY TO SEEK A NEW ACCORD ON THE CONSTITUTION

Toronto "It will serve to purpose to have a national committee working around the country, starting up recruitment and security, Quebec, in French, and the West, in English," says Quebec.

But others say that the Meech Lake legacy of acrimony and distrust has already shined. And indeed, personal relations between federal officials and their provincial counterparts appear to have improved since then. Although

McDougall says Mulroney still fishes and becomes readily snogged at even a casual mention of Newfoundland Premier Clyde Wells' name, relations between the two and Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon, Mulroney's other key opponent over the accord, have improved in Quebec, meanwhile, provincial Justice Minister Gil Melillo reported as one of the most nationalist members of Bouscasse's cabinet, hosted a private dinner in Montreal last month for Norman Spence, Mulroney's new chief of staff.

At the same time, many Tories claim that there are several reasons to expect constitutional talks will be before the next election. One central factor is the surge in support for the western-based Reform Party and for the Bloc Québécois, leading to predictions that the next general election could easily produce a minority government unable to secure national support for constitutional reform.

That possibility received reinforcement with the release last week of a poll by Quebec's Centre de recherche l'opinion publique (CROP). After surveying 1,000 people in the province, CROP concluded that the Bloc—formed in July

by Mulroney's former environment minister Lucien Bouchard—led all other parties in support among Quebecers. Seize officials in the PQ and that they considered CROP's findings more accurate than a contradictory report from Gallup, which placed Quebec support for the Bloc behind the Liberals and the Tories and just ahead of the PCs. The Gallup survey, meanwhile, showed that the Reform Party, under its leader, Preston Manning, has emerged as a strong force in the West, with the support of 26 per cent of respondents in the

Provinces and 38 per cent in British Columbia.

In the end, however, it may be the pace set by Quebec that ultimately focuses Mulroney to set his own constitutional process in motion. The rest of Canada will be under pressure to deliver a swift and united response when Quebec's commission delivers its findings. For his part, Lortie suggested that if the rest of the country fails to prepare its answer to Quebec, the result could be even deeper national division. "If Quebec proposes a deeper new arrangement and English Canada is not ready to respond to it," said Lortie, "the temptation will be for Quebec to say, 'The ball with it, let's go it on our own.'" Added Lortie: "The indifference of English Canada could lead Quebec to push independence."

But Mulroney faces the dilemma of trying to speak for all parts of Canada at a time when ill-feling and doubts over the country's future extend into English Canada as well as Quebec. Said Stanley Mann, Mulroney's former chief of staff, whose practices live in Montreal, "People have to understand that there are other people out there trying to take their country away from them. That is a very serious thing." It is also a reminder that Canada's constitutional crisis, partially interrupted in June, may soon become even more taxing.

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OPENING THE DOOR WIDER

For the much-doubted Conservatives, premeasured, the announcement that Canada would allow more immigrants into the country stirred some good news. Immigration Minister Einar McDougall announced on Oct. 25 that the level of immigration to Canada will increase to 220,000 people by 1997 down a slight of 115,000 in 1990. The new goal represents the largest number of immigrants since 1957, when 232,000 immigrants came to Canada. But more significant than the expansion is numbers will be the change that McDougall promised regarding who is let into the country. In the past, most estimated family members of people already living in Canada, and more independent settlers who possess skills needed in the country's economy. As well, McDougall pledged to spend \$225 million on programs to integrate new arrivals into Canadian society—including \$200 million for language training. "It's definitely a good plan," said Ronald Adams, director of York University's Centre for Refugee Studies in Toronto. He added, "There will be eyes about why they're doing it in a recession, but in fact immi-



McDougall: a new emphasis on skills

grants are a stimulus to consumer demand."

The executive jump in the number of people actually settling in Canada may be small. According to Adams and other experts, the number of immigrants and refugees to Canada this year will reach 220,000—a figure closer to the new 1997 target than to the existing one for 1990. But the five-year plan that McDougall unveiled last week will have a sweeping effect on the rest of the immigration system. For one thing, immigrants will be increasingly selected on the basis of whether their skills and education are in demand in the economy rather than on their family connections. McDougall's department has already targeted six new potential talent pools in Eastern Europe, a region where Canada has recently

opened five new offices to raise visas.

At the same time, McDougall moved to limit the number of relatives that visitor immigrants may sponsor under conditions governing family reunification. Describing his new restrictions as flowing from a more "Canadian" concept of the family, he said that relatives already in Canada will be permitted to sponsor only clearly dependent family members for entry, instead of extended family members. That change, noted Cochrane, a Toronto immigration lawyer with many Caribbean clients, could strain Third World immigrants with wife family circles the border. Said Betty "Family reunification has been the central focus of our immigration policy for humanitarian reasons. The government should not back away from that now."

The new policy may also struggle with voters. According to Gallup Canada, 78 per cent of 1,661 respondents in a mid-September poll opposed increased immigration, compared with 17 per cent who supported it. Last week, voters at Conservative Party efforts in Toronto said that they had received several nasty calls complaining about the increased quota. Although McDougall has studied some professional critics, he must now satisfy the public.

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Explosive evidence

An accused bomber hears the Crown's case

Wearing a dark blue tuxedo, Jeffrey Hugh Royce, 37, sat anxiously in Room 49 of the British Columbia Supreme Court last week. Protected by bulletproof glass on three sides and flanked by B.C.

sheriff's deputies, Royce, his black beard almost reaching his shoulders, needed the court's calm as he has displayed since his trial began on Sept. 17 at Vancouver. The tranquillity of the broadroomed courtroom, where a four-

teening window offers a view of a terrace decorated with potted plants and cascading ivy, disguises the moment of chaos and violence that is the heart of the trial. On June 23, 1985, a bomb hidden in a suitcase exploded in the terminal of Tokyo's Narita airport, killing two baggage handlers, Royce, a Sikh and former resident of Duncan, B.C., who arrived in Britain in 1966, is accused of making that bomb.

But the Crown contends that Royce—who has pleaded not guilty to two counts of manslaughter and five counts relating to assembling and possessing explosives—tried to save the bomb to detonate on board an Air India 747 departing later that day from Tokyo to Bombay. In fact, the suitcase bomb arrived in Japan on CR Air Flight 803 from Vancouver and was tagged for transfer to the Bombay flight. Had it exploded in flight, the bomb would have taken place at roughly the same time as another one halfway around the world. That explosion, one hour after the Narita bombing, sent 329 people down as Air India 747, travelling from Montreal to London to their deaths off the coast of Ireland. No charges have been laid as that case—but investigations clearly believe that the two incidents are related. Said Lord Justice Tinker-Winters in the 1988 British high court ruling that extradited Royce from England: "There seems to be little—if any—doubt, in the minds of those concerned with inquiries into both explosions, that the perpetrators intended to destroy the two airplanes."

Experts also contend that the bombings were intended to strike the Indian army's June 5, 1984, anniversary of the Sikh Golden Temple at the Punjab city of Amritsar. More than 1,000 people died in the assault on Sikhism's holiest shrine, where 3,000 armed patriots fighting for an independent Sikh state had taken refuge. Five months later, the Sikh bodyguards assassinated Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi—a measure of the anger that, witnesses say, may also have affected Royce. Richard Chhabildas, a co-worker of Royce's at Kato Marine Electric Ltd. in Duncan on Vancouver Island, testified at Royce's conspiracy trial that Royce "was happy" about Gandhi's death. Said Chhabildas: "They had avenged the Golden Temple and he was angry."

Millions of Sikhs around the world cheered Royce's outrage—but not necessarily his intention with explosives. As a semiconductor electronics, Royce arrived in Britain from India in 1976. In August, 1983, he secured a starter motor for Edward Robertson, a contractor involved in blasting. At Royce's trial, presented over by Justice Raymond Pare, Robertson testified that he gave Royce—who had shown a keen interest in the subject—a copy of a 400-page book on the use of explosives. Robertson also said that Royce once asked him for dynamite. The contractor refused the request but he testified that Royce had said, "I would like to have explosives to help my countrymen."

Robertson added that he did not take Royce's comments seriously. And other conversations clearly convinced him that Royce acted dynamically for legitimate reasons. The contractor testified on April 29, 1988, phone

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FALL OF A 'MARTY'

Her enemies feared her as an insecure Muslim and a corrupt leader who stole millions of dollars from the Pakistan treasury. Her supporters lionized her as a political martyr, a victim of the powerful military establishment. Those dramatically conflicting images of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, whose election in December, 1988, as the Muslim world's first female head of government was hailed worldwide as a victory for democracy-dominated Pakistan's bitter election campaign. Last week, just 2½ months after President Ghulam Ishaq Khan dismissed her from office, slinging incompetence and corruption, that campaign ended with the humbling defeat of Bhutto and her Pakistan People's Party (PPP). Although an angry and martial Bhutto accused Ishaq Khan's caretaker government of election fraud, international observers declared that

BENAZIR BHUTTO, PAKISTAN'S OUSTED PRIME MINISTER, FAILS BADLY IN HER COUNTRY'S NATIONAL ELECTION

the polling had been largely free and fair. "We were expecting more problems," said Quebec Conservative MP Alan Kooze, one of four Canadian observers. "Frankly, I'm very happy."

Unofficial results of the Oct. 24 vote showed

that the PPP had captured only 45 seats in the 217-member National Assembly, less than half the total it gained in the 1985 poll. Its main rival, the Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA), won 135 seats. Adding the support of independent and right-leaning from tribal areas, who traditionally vote with the winners, the IDA seemed certain to have a majority in parliament. But left in doubt after the ballots were counted was who will be prime minister. The principal contender was Nawaz Sharif, the IDA's 40-year-old leader and the former premier of Punjab province. But he faced competition from within the IDA, a one-party coalition united primarily as its opposition to Bhutto-Candidate Prime Minister Ghulam Mustafa Jinnah and former prime minister Muhammad Khan Jinnah are both considered for the job. In a statement shortly after the polls closed, Sharif hailed the election results. He added,

"God willing, we will be able to form a strong government, which will play a vital role in the development of Pakistan." But some Pakistan analysts predicted that Sharif's alliance was unlikely to hold together for long—leaving open the possibility of another early election.

Bhutto's inside in lead Pakistan was sparked by the events of July, 1987, when military chief Mohammad Zia ul-Haq overthrew Bhutto's father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. He was hanged two years later after the Lahore High Court, in a controversial trial, found him guilty of conspiracy to murder a political opponent. Benazir Bhutto, his eldest child, who had studied at Harvard and Oxford universities, was put under house arrest and later won a voluntary exile in London. In August, 1988, she died in a still-unexplained plane crash—leaving the government in disarray. That year, Benazir Bhutto campaigned for election as the daughter of a martyr. And she promised to improve living conditions for the poor and push through legislation to increase the rights of women in Pakistan's male-dominated society.

Her victory raised enormous expectations among Pakistan's 110 million people. But with a staggering campaign and extended wage opposition to pay out election spending, she lacked the funding needed to meet those expectations. She also struggled to find off-revenue opposition from top leaders who controlled Punjab, the country's most populous province, and from conservative Muslim leaders who argued that a woman, especially a West- or educated one, should not lead an Islamic nation. During 20 months in office, her government failed to pass any legislation other than two finance bills.

The 39-year-old prime minister's popularity among Pakistan's underprivileged citizens, many of whom lack electricity, clean water and even housing, waned at a low ebb in August when Ishaq Khan, with the evident support of the country's powerful military establishment, dismissed her from office and dissolved the National Assembly. The military, which has ruled Pakistan for 25 of the 43 years since independence, criticized her ineffective handling of ethnic violence in her home province of Sind. And she angered many military officials by appointing her own lieutenants to top military posts.

Ishaq Khan cited corruption and incompetence as the official reasons for dismissing her government. And the election campaign focused on the credibility of those allegations. Since then, the Ishaq Khan-appointed caretaker government set up four special tribunals to try her and several of her cabinet colleagues on

a series of charges, including allowing government airplanes, giving a natural-gas distribution agency to a firm owned by a relative and having the reformed banks lend millions of dollars to an iron group or ironmaster without securing adequate collateral. Although Bhutto was her own parliamentary seat in the traditional family stronghold of Larkana, the tribunals could still bar her from holding public office for seven years if she is convicted. Meanwhile, her husband, by an arranged marriage, Asif Ali Zardari, is in jail in Karachi, accused of kidnapping and extortion.

Bhutto protested her dismissal and compared what she called Ishaq Khan's "constitutional coup d'état" to the 20th anniversary of her father. She was some 500 miles from voters in early October, thousands of her supporters, charging "Bhutto is innocent," attacked a courthouse in Lahore where she was scheduled to appear. Those chants were echoed at dozens of Bhutto's political rallies across the country. Still, other Pakistanis rallied for both Bhutto and the IDA-backed opposition with demands for better living conditions. And Bhutto's opponents used their brief tenure in the caretaker government to win a last-minute advantage by dissolving development money in the final weeks of the campaign.

Although Bhutto insisted that, if given the opportunity, Pakistan citizens would restore her to power, many of the voters who put her in office in 1988 appeared to have stayed away from the polls. Turnout among the country's 48 million eligible voters was light—in some districts as low as 12 per cent.

A senior government official said that the crash ended Ishaq Khan's dream to reform the IDA. But the former prime minister insisted last week that the election had been rigged. "I feel so sorry for Pakistan, it's gone back to the past," a visibly shaken Bhutto told journalists in Larkana. "I can see peace and Europe debt escalating, and I can see civil unrest and anarchy."

Certainly, the new government will face a formidable task in reconciling a country torn by a bitter election and deep-seated ethnic divisions. And with an estimated \$15-billion foreign debt in

ringing still higher as the Persian Gulf crisis drives up oil prices, the economic situation is unlikely to improve as the new nation. If democracy wins the first free and fair election, the new rulers will face a water disinfection that brought it to power could also be its downfall.

MAHMOUD KHADEBI with RASHMID BORDABADI on Bhutto

World Notes

INDIAN COALITION COLLAPSES

India Prime Minister V.P. Singh's National Front alliance lost its narrow majority in Parliament after the Hindu-conservative Shakti Singh, Janata party, withdrew its support to protest the arrest of popular Hindu group leader L.K. Advani. Advani was arrested on his way to launch the construction of a Hindu temple on the site of an old mosque, a plan that has incited Hindu-Muslim tensions. Singh will now face a confidence vote in the Indian Parliament.

A VIDEO ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Congress failed to overturn President George Bush's veto of a civil rights bill that would have made it easier for workers to sue job-discrimination suits—has 1988 veto in his 21-month-old presidency. Bush said that the bill would have encouraged employers to impose racial and gender hiring quotas.

CRACKDOWN ON WITNESSES

Troops raided Buddhist monasteries in Myanmar (Burma) in a crackdown against thousands of monks who have refused to register to military leaders as a protest against the alleged killings of 20 monks. Soldiers also raided the offices of the National League for Democracy, which won elections in May but has been barred from power by the military, and arrested 14 party officials in an attempt to link the league with the monastic protests.

ORPH IN LEBANON

Thousands of grieving Lebanese attended the funeral of Christian leader Dany Chamoun and his family, who were murdered by hooded gunmen in October 23, a week after Syrian and Lebanese troops defeated rebel Christian Gen. Michel Aoun. Meanwhile, Syrian-backed President Hafez Assad announced a plan to dissolve Muslim militias and join forces with Christians to overthrow Syria's Assad, which has been besieged by 15 years of civil war.

REFORM PLANS IN OHIO

Several Chinese leaders, including 66-year-old Deng Xiaoping, who reintroduced his post-Maoist state leader last April but contrasted to power under the aegis, called for more rapid economic reforms. That represents a significant departure from the policy of retrenchment that followed the June, 1989, military crackdowns against pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square. Diplomats said that the question of how fast to pursue market reforms in the wake of a leadership power struggle, and that reformers appear to be gaining ground.

THE UNITED STATES

Thorns among the roses

Williams and Richards vie for the governorship

One candidate is the consummate symbol of the Old West, a well-oiled oil millionaire who sports tan-pilot hair, looks that he owns an oil-rig—only cowboy boots—and established not one but two states of Texas. The other is the epitome of modern urban chic, a fashionably coiffed divorcee who strode into politics on spike heels and the strength of her wacked-out sense of humor. One is a life of flowing perfect coiffed parties. But in Texas, a state never known for its subtlety, those stark personal contrasts between Republican gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams, 55, and his Democratic rival, state Treasurer Ann Richards, 37, offer only part of the explanation why their campaign has become one of the most vicious vulgar—and significant—adversaries in the No. 6 belt along to elect 26 of the United States' 50 governors.

Texas political analysts have also credited Williams' penchant for uttering his trademark cowboy boots squarely into his mouth. From his confirmation that he used to vote Mexican ballots, because they "warn the only places you get second time," to his periodic last spring comparing the weather to rape—"It's mackerel, it's," he told reporters, "but back and forth."

Williams has managed to charge many of the state's women voters. Last week, with two polls showing the candidates tied, Richards tried to mobilize that disaffection. Before a round of cheering college women, she reminded them that, ever since a Supreme Court decision last year gave states the power to restrict the availability of abortion, governors could determine what she called "a woman's right to choose and the most basic right of every Texas woman the right to control our own lives."

In fact, with abortion-rights activists regarding the most massive grassroots vote campaign in the movement's history, the Texas race has become a test not only of one of the most explosive issues on the current political

agenda, but also of female power at the ballot box. And when Clay Williams, executive director of the Washington-based National Abortion Rights League, told the Houston crowd that the abortion issue would "cut

two ever giving birth to a baby diagnosed with Down's syndrome," said Berryhill loudly. "I took one look at the platform and said, 'That doesn't represent me.' My wife against Clayton Williams is that God's lady's assistant."

Passions such as Berryhill's have heightened political activists across the country who had been wedded to the issue of reproductive rights, once predicted to be the pivotal issue of the campaign, had failed to live up to that explosive billing. But with only days to go before the vote, the question may now be gathering more weight. "In close races," said Melchior, "the right to choose can provide the margin of victory." Still, Berryhill expressed open outrage at a campaign in which almost all discussion of the issues has been obscured by



Williams at a Dallas basketball game: his racist comments may have turned the race around

across party lines. "That generation was precisely conditioned. From the audience, 65-year-old grandmother Mable Berryhill stepped forward to shout: 'I'm a Republican and I'm voting for Ann Richards. I just can't take any more of Clayton Williams's incoherence.'"

Berryhill said later that, unlike many Texas women, she had at first been persuaded by ominous Williams's charisma. "I liked Clayton Williams and what he planned to do for Texas," she said. "There was no doubt I was going to vote Republican." But his continuing lack of sensitivity made her change her mind. Berryhill added that when she went to a delegate to the party's state convention in Fort Worth last June and discovered a platform advocating "pro-life legislative goals," she rebelled. Her own daughter, she explained, had chosen abor-

tioning medicine that former governor Mark White cautioned. "Everybody in the state is disgusted."

In fact, Williams's sexist comments appear to have turned around a state that, only last August, he was leading by as much as 15 per cent in opinion polls. The first to declare his candidacy to replace retiring Republican Governor William Clements, Williams set only three his pre-taken path into the ring in June, 1990, but also added \$3 million of his own money, more than a third of the expected \$15.3 million that he has spent so far in the campaign. A Bushy-set, nimble, rancher and bawdy goodly known as "Clayton," Williams wanted a public profile straight from Hollywood central casting—as he largely is a caricature of frontier Texas myth. A graduate of Texas A&M univer-

sity with a degree in animal husbandry, he is a self-confessed "Bulldog"—Texas' nickname for the tough-chalk, gun-puffing, conservative pool of boys of local origin who make up a substantial portion of the state's white male population. Despite a comfortable middle-class upbringing as the son of a retail government-county commissioner, Williams has absorbed the state's proclivities. "I'm a country boy and proud of it."

His collection of cultivated neo-conservative is hardly surprising from a man who made his millions by striking oil inside President George Bush's adopted state Texas house town of Midland. But among the conservative Bush, Williams has not been shy about flaunting his wealth. With a popularly Texas fair, he owns a corporate jet, a helicopter, a 10,000-square-foot Midland mansion and a ranch house with a swimming pool in the shape of a boot. His 12 ranches in Texas and Wyoming support 11,000 cattle, and he has branched out to buy a pipeline and a Midland financial institution, which he named the Clay Davis National Bank in his own, and wife Melchior's, honor. Still, to prevent anyone from thinking that he takes himself too seriously, he teaches a college course on entrepreneurship that he has entitled "BS 499."

On at least one occasion when he apparently felt that his country-boy racism was not earning him enough respect, Williams declared: "I've not shared, you know I did once several hundred million dollars." But, according to *The Dallas Morning News*, he lost about two-thirds of his fortune during Texas's economic downturn over the past decade. Still, as much of his net worth, will be entered the gubernatorial race. Williams's political experience has been confined to a headline-grabbing attempt to drive up his opposition to communications deregulation by leading a 50-man posse on horseback up the steps of the Texas state legislature in Austin.

In contrast, Richards had labored for years in the back rooms of the state's Democratic Party, collecting political loans. The daughter of a truck driver from Waco, she was starboard on the high-school debate team. But marrying a young oilfield lawyer named David Richards in 19 and raising four children from it, she could not help but her campaigning. She confided her quick tongue to her own oilfield-paramour Austin. When her husband refused a dash to run in Texas County commissioner in 1975, she accepted instead and launched her career as a politician. Among her firsts as an elected official was to lead a women's march crowd by singing around her teeth with an overly loudspeaker.

Seven years later, Richards accepted another dash to become state treasurer. Her efforts at moderating the arid Texas financial system was her true reward both in Texas

and in the national women's movement. But it also cost her her marriage. And after her divorce in 1984, her reliance on a select circle of female friends spurred ugly rumors. An July from two Christian women, with one to Williams, who referred to her as an "honorary lesbian."

But the most vicious nature of the campaign have resulted from the fact that Richards is a recovering alcoholic. Her sales agent, that, she admitted her past drinking in a 1989 autobiography entitled *Struggle from the Heart*. She was appalled, during the latter Democratic primary last spring, when one of her rivals accused her of having been a drug addict as well. She has replied to condemn all such attacks. Although the charge



Richards: a willingness to water down stands

has never been proven, her friends concluded that it was her, disillusioning her about a political cause that she had revolved in until then.

Despite the fact that she was the well-fought Democratic candidate that April 16, her campaign staggered all spring and summer, torn by self-ridging and a lack of money at the candidate house if appeared to have lost the will to run. Other supporters were alarmed by her willingness to water down her stands against abortion rights. Williams' Democrats on Sept. 1, the opening of down-loading season, she appeared on television in a commercial vent carrying a shotgun with two dead birds at her leg, as opposed to a Texas state's formidable gun lobby. For many, that was a shocking transformation from the speaker

Richards who roared in national stadiums as the keynote speaker of the 1986 Democratic national convention in Atlanta. There, she had vowed not to appear by missing George Bush's verbal jousts with her deriding choice, "Four George's... boys with a silver fist in his mouth."

She now sees her recent resignation in the fire-governor to another reality. Just made in September, when Richards' campaign and re-elected campaign began to close its 15-month gap in public opinion polls, Williams remarked, "She must be drinking again." In many Texas, that was not particularly offensive comment. It was in the 1980s anniversary of Richards's sobriety and in the wake of Williams' other offensive comments. With a wink at other pool of boys, he had borrowed some graphic radio tones to describe his plans to "load her and load her and load her through the throat."

But Williams' doubt has most severe lines in his own campaign by closing traditional Texas notions of civility. Richards claimed that his Clay Davis bank, recently under investigation by the state insurance commission for its lending policies, may have been listed with the laundering of drug money as well. Then, Williams and a man joint campaign appearance at a Dallas crime commission luncheon to confront her. He stride up to her, pointed his finger and said, "Ann, I'm calling you a liar today." When she reached out to shake his hand, he positively snarled it and walked away. Most analysts credit that offense with costing Williams his lead in the polls. But Baptist minister Willie Brown Sr. of Dallas, "in Texas, we have a lot of respect for our ladies. Any person who would abuse disrespect for ladies can't be very good material for a governor. He is losing his cool under fire."

Last week, as he campaigned through the dusty small town of east Texas, a rebelled Williams appeared to be on his last breath. That Richards's campaign officials are counting on the above-the-line, get-out-the-vote campaign by abortion-rights activists to catapult her ahead in a state where, despite the dissent, appeal of Williams's traditional macho ruling class, both Dallas and Houston now have women in power.

In fact, Rose Marie Turner, an organizer of a 1,000-member Republican women's group in Houston that supports Richards for her stand in favor of abortion, points out that on her travels through the conservative Texas countryside, she has noticed a hopeful sign. "Out in the boons," said Turner, "we found even the pool of boys are getting tired of all by Clayton Williams. They say they all have a problem supporting a woman, but we notice their wives have a look about in their eyes. 'Admit it, Rose,' she said. "I've seen the women in the back where Dallas's wife gets a chance to express her voice." Whether that voice, women across the country, and political analysts assessing the effectiveness of drive-and-dirty tactics, will have their eyes on Texas.

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THE PERSIAN GULF

Raising the stakes

A toughening war of words shadows the Gulf

The drama of war was pounding last week. In the United States, President George Bush declared that he remains determined to force the Iraqi army out of the Persian Gulf coast of Kuwait. And Defence Secretary Richard Cheney suggested that the Pentagon is preparing to send as many as 100,000 additional troops to the Gulf. In Ottawa, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark said that Canada is now ready to join in a war against the Iraqi if they do not leave Kuwait—and that military action may be taken without United Nations approval. The next day, in a speech at the University of Western Ontario in London, Clark painted a stark picture of the effects of a Gulf conflict. "No should not rule out the possibility," he declared, "that young Canadian soldiers, wives and men, will not return to this country for celebrations, but will stay there for burial."

The tough talk from Washington and Ottawa was clearly an attempt to pressure North Americans for the possibility of war—perhaps an imminent one. In the House of Commons, opposition MPs charged that the government's aggressive stance was clearly reckless, and that Washington was dictating Canadian policy. Prime Minister Brian Mulroney denied the media-Washington claim. And he insisted that the Canadian government—which has three warships, 18 warplanes and nearly 1,500 servicemen and women at the Gulf—had not "tipped the scale" in the standoff with Iraq against Saddam Hussein.

Hussein, meanwhile, stepped up his efforts to split the 26-nation alliance arrayed against him. Responding to a visit from former British prime minister Edward Heath, he released 30 British and 14 American hostages. As well, Hussein announced the pending release of all 327 French soldiers trapped since Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2—and apparently without conditions. According to U.S. officials, the Iraqi president also urged Clark to Baghdad, building on the prospect of freeing some of the estimated 50 stranded Canadians if Clark made the trip. Cheney said in Washington that Ottawa had effectively told Hussein to "back off."

But Clark and Mulroney denied receiving an invitation from Iraq, and Mulroney added that, in any case, sending a special envoy to Baghdad would only promote Hussein's "propaganda purposes."

Those hard-line Western positions contrasted sharply with statements by two Arab allies. Cheney's Saudi Arabian counterpart, Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, said that if Iraq has "legitimate claims" against Kuwait, they might be addressed after an unconditional withdrawal



Clark's stark picture of the effects of conflict

from the extreme Arab Sheik Beid Nair al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti ambassador in Washington, said that his government's attitude was "quite comfortable" with that statement.

Some analysts claimed that those statements signalled a weakening of the alliance confronting Iraq, although Cheney said soon afterward that he may send as many as 100,000 troops to augment the 230,000 U.S. servicemen already in the region. One U.S. official, who requested anonymity, said that "we are not at a point now where we have to consider military action—we have got a policy together around around sanctions, and we ought to give it time to succeed." But, for every appeal to patience, there seemed to be a stronger, countervailing warning of war.

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ISRAEL

Inviting skepticism

An Israeli report backs the use of force

The Israeli decision prompted skepticism, even among its friends abroad. Although the government did order an investigation into the killings of 50 Palestinians

nearby in Jerusalem's Temple Mount on Oct. 8, it flatly refused to allow a United Nations inquiry into the same incident. And when the Israeli commission published its findings late

last week, it largely excused the use of force. The three-man team, headed by Zvi Zamir, a former chief of the Mossad, the Israeli secret service, blamed the incident on police negligence and involvement by Palestinian religious and political leaders. The report said that the "indefensible" use of live ammunition by the police occurred when it seemed that two trapped officers were in danger of being crushed—but that, under the circumstances, the response was "justified." Said Palestinian human rights activist Jonathan Korbah: "We expected a whitewash, but this exceeds all our expectations."

The commission's findings, substantially upholding the Israeli government's claim that Arab extremists provoked the incident, further damaged Israel's relations with its longtime benefactor, the United States. Twice since the Temple Mount incident, the Americans had supported the Security Council resolutions critical of the Jewish state. The first condemned the violent assault and the second deplored Israel's refusal to agree to a UN inquiry. In public, both sides characterized their differences as brief disagreements in a basically secure relationship. But in private, one Israeli administration official said last week, "I just don't see things returning to normal and very quickly." Lamented an Israeli official, "There seems to be no understanding of our viewpoint at all."

Meanwhile, the tensions in Jerusalem, where the killings were followed by riotous attacks on Jews by some Palestinians, was electric. Yehosh Mizruchi, owner of the city's leading gun shop, said that inquiries had increased five-fold and that sales had risen by 50 to 70 per cent since Oct. 28, when a Palestinian stabbed three Jews to death on a suburban street. Said Mizruchi: "Every time there's trouble in the city, more people think of having a gun, but this time it's been much more than usual."

Israeli troops sealed off the occupied West Bank to prevent Arabs from crowding into Israeli—until, in general, attacks on Palestinians by armed Jewish vigilantes. Said the liberal *Haaretz* daily *Me'ariv*: "Only by separating the two nations can the security of both be maintained."

Said Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens, pleased that in sealing off the West Bank he had, in effect, reversed Israel's pre-1967 boundary—known as the Green Line—with the West Bank, then ruled by Jordan. "There is no reversal of the Green Line," he asserted. And he indicated that the bus would be lifted in "a few days." Analysts said that keeping the barriers up longer than that would adversely affect Israel's economy, which relies heavily on Palestinian labor. But it would cause far more acute hardship to the Palestinians, of whom 220,000 work in Israeli factories, hotels and trading centers. But even when the traffic across the old Green Line resumes, the Israeli Bar and Lurking of the two communities seemed bound to continue indefinitely.

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THE UNITED STATES

A budget at last

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The passage of the largest budget reduction



Bush: who will the voters punish?

in U.S. history ended five months of partisan bickering that had slowed the government and cut off Bush's starting a public opinion polls down 21 points, to 50 per cent. “What’s at stake here?” asked Representative Dan Rostenkowski during the House debate. “Nothing less than American self-respect.” The bill will also nearly \$800 billion over five years from the personal U.S. deficit, reducing the 1995 projected deficit to about \$266 billion. It raises the top tax rate for Americans earning more than \$300,000 a year to 35 per cent from 28 per cent, and it limits tax deductions for the rich.

It also increases the federal tax on gasoline to 14 cents from 9 cents per gallon and raises taxes on cigarettes, alcohol and such luxury items as cars and boats. In all, the bill will raise \$137 billion over the five-year period, while reducing the Pentagon's budget over that time by \$170 billion and cutting Medicare spending.

For all the eleven-hour midnight, the major breakthrough took place earlier in the week when aisle-the-rich Democrats finally agreed to drop a proposed surtax on millionaires in exchange for the limit on tax deductions for the wealthy. Next week, voters will decide who to punish for the long budgetary fight. But for Bush, who last week gave one rich American, actress Bette Davis, a personal tour of the Oval Office, the compromise package plainly rated less than a Perfect 10.

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NORTHERN IRELAND

'Human bombs'

The IRA uses a chilling tactic of terrorism

Kathleen Gillespie last saw her husband, Patrick, alive at midnight on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Married gamers of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) took him from his home in a suburb of Londonderry, Northern Ireland, while other members of the terrorist organization held his family hostage. When the hostages were left for home at 4 a.m., Kathleen Gillespie recalled, "They assured me no one would get hurt and he would be home in half an hour." In fact, his members had strapped Patrick Gillespie into a car loaded with 1,000 lb. of explosives and forced him to drive it into a British army border checkpoint. The blast killed five soldiers, and the remains of Gillespie's body were not discovered for another 10 hours. That same morning, two other civilians were forced to drive bomb-laden vehicles to other army installations. One of them exploded and a sixth soldier died—the IRA's bloodiest attack on the British army in 20 years.

But most chilling of all was the way that the attacks were carried out. The IRA has used so-called human bombs for several years, forcing civilians to drive or carry bombs to their targets. But in the past, the carriers were given time to get clear of the explosion. Last week's Londonderry attack was the first time that a proxy bomber had been killed. As its spokesman claimed that all three men compelled to police the car had "collaborated" with British forces, Gillespie, a 42-year-old father of three, was a civilian cook at an army base in Londonderry. Gerry Kelly, who was forced to drive an explosive-loaded van to an army base in Omagh, was a mechanic at the base, but the device he was carrying failed to explode. All three drivers were Roman Catholics.

Ireland's Northern Ireland minister, Peter Brooke, told Parliament that the IRA had used "new levels of depravity," and he vowed that the bombings would not advance its cause "a single millimeter." John Hume, leader of Northern Ireland's moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party, said that the attacks had provoked more public reaction than he had seen in 30 years. "The one word that is on everybody's lips is 'outraged,'" he said. "I hope you are listening, you cowards, using a human being in the way you did."

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A GRIM RECKONING

**FINANCE MINISTER
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FINALLY AGREED
THAT THE
ECONOMY IS IN
A RECESSION**

Against a background of depressing economic reports, the admission seemed almost anticlimactic. Appearing before the Commons Economic Committee last week, Finance Minister Michael Wilson acknowledged for the first time that the Canadian economy is indeed in a recession. Wilson was referring to the textbook definition of a recession: two consecutive three-month periods of economic decline, a situation that he predicted would be repeated when the latest statistics on economic performance are released this week. But with economic reports already filled with grim statistics of mounting job losses, stubbornly high interest rates and a record number of business bankruptcies, few analysts disputed anything more convincing. Said Douglas Porter, chief economist at the Toronto-Dominion Bank in Toronto: "Wilson has finally admitted to what has been going on for some months."

The minister's earlier reluctance to concede to the recession was to be expected. Despite a worldwide economic slowdown, no other G-7 finance minister from any of the world's leading industrial countries said that their economy is in a recession. And even Wilson hinted to the committee that Canada's recession would be mild. "We do not expect this to be a severe recession," he said. "But his predictions did little to ease the jittery nerves that were evident last week across the country from plant closings to businesses. "I am pretty pessimistic," said William Somerville, deputy chairman of National Trust of Toronto. "There is no business activity, just nothing happening."

As confidence in the economy evaporated, many critics again blamed their foe in Bank of Canada governor John Crow's determination to keep interest rates high. Many analysts blame Crow's hard line on interest rates for slowing economic growth. But Crow continued to



Wilson in the Commons: "We do not expect this to be a severe recession."

argue that the policy is necessary to permit inflation—now standing at 4.2 per cent a year—from the economy. And he vowed that interest rates would remain high until the deflationary effect of higher oil prices and the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) waned. But as Canadians prepared for a winter of economic hardship, the debate was no longer over the cause of the recession. The main question, rather, was how long—and how deep—the downturn will be.

But many economists are clearly expecting the worst. "This is the end of an era," said Francis Seaford, international editor of the Montreal-based *Bank Credit Analyst*. "It will

bring to an end the chase of credit and debt, which Anglo-Saxons continue have explored beyond anything imaginable 30 years ago." Scotland said that the size of Ottawa's debt burden, now over \$400 billion, means that the government no longer has the flexibility to jump-start economic activity by increasing spending. And, while Scotland maintained that high interest rates will improve the health of the economy in the long run, he added that the short-term effect will be "true economic pain, meaning unemployment of one or 1½ per cent, increased bankruptcies and deflation."

Some of those scenarios are already evident.

Federal statistics released last week showed that personal and business bankruptcies in September were up by 27.3 per cent over September, 1989. And defaults on mortgage loans were up 41 per cent during the first six months of 1990 compared with last year. "If Crow keeps interest rates at these levels a while longer the recession could be deeper than the one we had in 1981-1982," said Porter. "We need lower interest rates and a cheaper dollar."

Canadian expenses say that the Bank of Canada's interest rate policy—which last week left the benchmark rate unchanged at 13.86 per cent—is proving the worst economy. Said Porter, "You cannot expect business in Canada to have the number of bankruptcies it has and not have it affect the housing market." The drastic drop in real estate prices, which began this year, is particularly critical for Canadian banks. In their search for places to lend money, financial institutions eagerly heeded the 1989 real estate boom. Acknowledged Louise: "We cannot go on buying bargains in Toronto at \$500,000 forever. It is unrealistic."

Equally worrying for financial institutions is the unfavorable publicity surrounding the recent performance of several major companies, as well as some of the country's traditionally solid banks. One of these financial institutions, the Montreal-based National Bank of Canada, has already left the business efforts, when big clients get into trouble. The bank's common stock has tumbled from a 1989 high of \$15.25 per share to \$7.65 last week, partly because of revelations that it holds a \$156-million personal

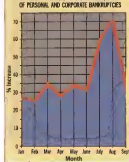
loan to troubled Toronto financier Robert Grogan. The Montreal-based Bank Canada, sixth largest, is also one of an estimated 60 banks owed more than \$2 billion by the British electronics conglomerate, Poly-Plus Inc., which last week was placed into bankruptcy protection by the London High Court.

In fact, the ominous business developments made the political debate over Wilson's reluctance to admit to the recession seem inconsequential. After eight years as a staunch member of a government that has never seen the economy shrink, Wilson's toughest political challenge is still ahead. As job losses and business failures mount, his commitment to fighting inflation seems to be growing.

And whether Wilson's political will bends under the economic pressures may determine the intensity of the recession.

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PERCENTAGE INCREASE, 1990 OVER 1989, IN TOTAL OF PERSONAL AND CORPORATE BANKRUPTCIES



BRUCE WALLACE in Ottawa

Business Notes

CANADA SLIPS BEHIND

Canada is losing its competitive edge, according to a new competitiveness index compiled by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The association says that over the past 25 years, Canada's output per worker has slipped to fifth from second place among the Group of Seven leading industrialized economies. Meanwhile, a Conference Board of Canada study says that monetary expansion in the U.S. is improving productivity. The board, an independent consulting body, says that 70 per cent of 626 companies it surveyed reported a "significant problem with business financing."

CHRYSLER PAYS FOR A TRUCE

Chrysler Canada Ltd. follows the pattern set by Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd. and General Motors of Canada Ltd. and agreed to pay a high price for three years of lower prices. Manufacturers for Chrysler and the Canadian Auto Workers union agreed wage increases of 7.5 per cent, 8.7 per cent and 4.8 per cent in a new, three-year contract.

SOUTHWEST WINS THE WIND

The Boston Inc. newspaper chain will acquire the 156-paper daily Kingston *Whig-Standard*, Canada's oldest continuously published daily newspaper and one of the few that remains family-owned, for about \$18 million. Michael Denison, whose family has owned and operated the paper for three generations, and that unfavorable tax laws made it impossible for his family to continue to operate the paper profitably.

BONE CRITICS JOIN BOARD

Ottawa's new 600 government-appointed Canadian Auto Workers union president Bob White and his successor University of Toronto physical education professor Brian Kidd to the 12-member board of directors of Toronto's debt-laden SkyDome. The province is the sole shareholder in the SkyDome, which is losing money because interest payments on its \$200-million debt are wiping out its operating profit.

LABOUR SETTLER

A subsidiary of Toronto-based Ludlum Inc. agreed to shut down a controversial chemical waste treatment plant in Cleveland as an out-of-court settlement with the state government. The subsidiary, Oil Chemical Services of Ohio Inc., also agreed to pay \$52,000 in fines to the state. Analysts say that charges against GSI had been depressing Ludlum's share value.

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Paying the piper

Ottawa clamps down on unemployment insurance

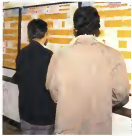
While business cheered, organized labour jeered—and new parents prepared to enjoy better benefits. Last week, the Conservative-dominated Senate broke a bitter, year-long deadlock by passing a controversial bill to overhaul Canada's \$32-billion-a-year unemployment insurance system. The sweeping new legislation, which limits benefits for poor claimants and tightens eligibility requirements, will touch almost every one of about three million Canadians a year who claim benefits under the program. It also means premiums for workers and their employers. Still, many business executives who opposed the reforms said that the government should tighten up the system even further. But union leaders claimed that implementing the changes in the country heads into a recession could worsen the economic grip for many Canadians. Says Kevin Flanagan, senior economist at the Canadian Labour Congress, "What never does it make to cut benefits when there are no jobs?"

So far, Ottawa appears to be the usual financial beneficiary. The legislation eliminates the federal government's contribution to unemployment benefits—but not its administrative control of the scheme—and shifts the financial burden to employers and their employees. When the bill was introduced on June 1, 1988, Ottawa estimated that it would save the federal treasury about \$2.3 billion a year. Now, with unemployment increasing steadily, experts say that the federal government's annual savings could double. Companies and their employees will have to make up the shortfall by paying higher premiums to ensure adequate funds to pay all qualified claimants.

But while employee premiums will rise, workers in all but the most chronically depressed regions of the country will find it harder to claim benefits. Under the old system, workers anywhere where unemployment stood at nine per cent or more could file for benefits after only 10 weeks on the job. Now, only workers living in areas where the jobless rate tops 15 per cent, such as Cape Breton, N.S., and the Northwest Territories, can qualify so quickly. As well, in all areas, the maximum period during which benefits are paid has been reduced by an average of 13 weeks. Still, some

claimants could be entitled to up to 50 weeks of benefits, compared with 52 weeks under the previous legislation.

Ottawa still plans to redirect about \$400 million of its savings from the package into improved job-training programs. But some business executives, such as Gary Johnson, vice-president of human resources for Vancouver-based MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., say that the program still offers too many benefits for workers who stay in chronically depressed regions, like Atlantic Canada. Along with the new restrictions, however, the legislation extends benefit payments for



Montreal unemployment office: 'Where are my jobs?'

new mothers to a maximum of 25 weeks from 15. Still, some business leaders say that the unemployment insurance system shouldn't be used to pay maternity benefits. Declared James Bennett, vice-president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, "Unemployment insurance is designed to deliver income to temporarily unemployed workers for a limited period of time, not to look after child care."

For their part, union leaders and opposition politicians say that the new law is an attempt by the Conservative government to back away from costly social programs. And in the economic downturn, workers and employers alike will learn exactly how costly it is to understate the unemployment insurance safety net.

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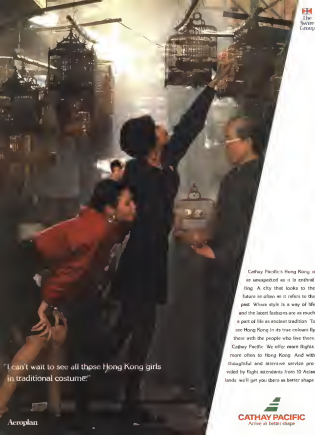
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A jolly green billionaire

Goldsmith prefers ecology to business

Sir James Goldsmith has long relished his reputation as a corporate predator. He was worldwide success and a personal fortune of more than \$1 billion in three decades of daring business takeovers that inspired others to use the language of the jungle when describing him. Robert Marzulli, the British media baron, calls Goldsmith "a shark." And *Le Monde*, the leading French newspaper, once labeled him "a charming campaign." But last week, business commentators on both sides of the Atlantic were getting used to the idea of a new, greener Goldsmith—a protector of nature rather than a ruthless hunter of vulnerable companies. On Oct. 17, the 57-year-old Anglo-French financier suddenly announced that he was quitting business and donating the rest of his life to protecting the environment. "I wish to add a new chapter to my life," he told reporters in London. "The business chapter is now closed."

Last week, Goldsmith was at his villa in Spain, relaxing with three of his seven children by his date marriages. But his mind was evidently still on the implications of his new

course. His older brother Edward, a longtime ecological activist and author in Britain, told *Madison* that he and Sir James were in regular contact and that they would soon announce details of their environmental campaign. They will be financed by the lady-own Goldsmith Foundation, which last year donated about \$4.5 million to a variety of social causes ranging from endangered groups to pestering tropical rain forests. Before leaving for Spain, Sir James said that he intends to use his wealth and influence in Europe and the United States to convert conservative business people to the importance of saving the global environment. "He won't just be putting money in," said his brother Edward. "He'll be taking a very active part in the whole thing."

When he announced his strange change of direction, Sir James maintained that he had been trying to retire for three years. Just before the stock-market crash of October, 1987, he sold off virtually all his stock holdings and some property, then worth an estimated \$540 million, and concentrated on building a

private retreat in Mexico. However, he rescheduled with a vengeance in July, 1989, when he attempted what would have been the second-largest corporate takeover ever, after Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.'s \$29.3-billion takeover of RJR Nabisco Inc. last year. Along with two partners, London-based banker Jacob Rothschild and Australian businessman Kerry Packer, Goldsmith bid \$35.4 billion for B.A.T. Industries PLC, the tobacco-based conglomerate that is one of Britain's largest companies, and that owns 40 per cent of the shares in Montreal-based Imasco Ltd., which in turn owns Canada Trust, Shoppers Drug Mart and makes *de Maurel* and *Pierre's* cigarettes. The bid failed last spring, and Goldsmith now denounces it as a "colossal" into active business that he will not repeat.

Instead, at the same time that he announced his retirement from the fray, Goldsmith said that he had concluded a \$1.5-billion deal to trade his holdings in an American timber company, Canadian Forest Industries, to the British conglomerate Harrow PLC in return for Harrow's 49-per-cent share of Newmont Mining Corp., the biggest gold producer in the United States. Goldsmith said he did not intend to actively run the mining company, but added that he is optimistic about the future of the Western world's economies and believes that,

It's such a situation, gold is a good investment. If he sticks to his promise to retire, it will be perhaps the strangest twist yet in the career of one of Europe's most successful businessmen. He first made money at the age of 16 when his Jewish parents, who had fled France for England at the beginning of the Second World War, sent him and his brother to school in

Canada, at St. Andrew's College, a private boys' preparatory school in Aurora, Ont., which he later said that he hated. During the winter, James set traps in the woods for small animals and sold the skins for a profit. Back in England after the war, he left school at the age of 16 after winning \$18,000 from a \$25 bet on a horse race.

Employed as a waiter before he was married, Goldsmith built the foundations of his business empire after his first wife, Maria Isabel Pafitis, a wealthy Belgian heiress, died in childbirth in 1964. Goldsmith used his inheritance to purchase a small French pharmaceuticals company, which he sold at a profit in 1965. By 1976, he owned several French and British grocery stores and confection companies. The following year, he made his most pivotal deal to that point when he purchased the manufacturing of Dorset, a hugely popular British beef sausage. He settled in France in the early 1980s, and then initiated a series of company takeovers in the United States. His acquisitions there included Grand Union supermarkets and forestry-products giant Diamond International Corp. and Crown Zellerbach. In the process, Goldsmith became one of the most feared corporate raiders on Wall Street.

Along with his bold business deals, Goldsmith also became noted for both right-wing political views and a flamboyant private life. Before he married her, Goldsmith had a child by his second wife, Genette, formerly his secretary. He also had two children by his third wife, Lady Annabel Barry, before he married her. At one point, he formed Goldsmith as one wing of a Paris network, and a rival was another wing.

Still, Goldsmith's decision to devote his energy and wealth to ecological causes was not a complete surprise. Clearly, he has been influenced by his environmental activist brother Edward, 61, who publishes *The Ecologist*, a bi-monthly British magazine with a circulation of 7,000 copies. Edward has written, co-edited

or edited nine books about the environmental crisis. Indeed, the latest work he has contributed to, *Imperial Planet*, which maintains that mankind faces extinction without drastic, radical measures, was taken, came out in Britain during the same week as Sir James made his announcement. In Canada, the book has been available since September.

Sir James has also spoken out against the use of chemicals and pesticides in food. And he advocates a plan to preserve tropical rain forests by having the rest of the world pay Third World countries to safeguard them. In fact, when he was knighted by the British government in 1998, he was cited for "services to exports and ecology."

Associates maintain that Sir James's long-standing interest in environmental issues deepened in the mid-1980s when he became pessimistic about the economic future of the West. He bought 16,000 acres of tropical forest on the western coast of Mexico, on the Gulf of California, and developed a spectacular estate on the site. He brought in ecologists to maintain it as a preserve for the animal and plant life of Mexico's tropical forests. In total, 80 per cent of Mexico's tropical forests have been cut down, but Goldsmith's estate has become a refuge for several rare and endangered species of animals, including crocodiles, turtles and jaguars. And on a cliff top above the sea, Goldsmith built a couple of fine homes for himself, those of his children and even his ex-wife, Genette.

Still, Sir James says that his views are more moderate than the anti-environmental opinion expressed by his brother. Instead, he says that he would be satisfied to persuade business people and conservationists of the importance of the environmental issues facing the world. Getting out of active business dealings, he says, is an important step towards doing that. Adds Goldsmith, "People automatically ask, 'What's he after, what's his angle?' Whereas if one is clearly and irreversibly out of business, and purely involved in a business-like cause, that line of attack is cut off."

Edward Goldsmith argues that his brother's track record as a deal-maker gets him in an ideal position to act as an ecological missionary to skeptical business leaders. "That's something Jimmy can do which nobody else in the environmental movement can possibly do," he said last week. "He is one of them, and is highly regarded as one of the most successful businessmen in the world." For Sir James, his new task will be to use that credibility to spread a message that many of his business colleagues may not be eager to hear.

ANDREW PHILLIPS in London



Goldsmith (left) with Maxwell in Morocco's temperate life



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Chairman Jack's guide to our dismal politics

BY PETER C. NEWMAN

Jack Pivier's influence transcends his membership of Ringier Go Ltd., one of Canada's last major independent energy companies. In every major media Go Pivier excels, he has opinions on everything—and is not afraid to state them. When I dropped in to see him at his Calgary headquarters recently, his company had just struck oil 5,500 feet deep in the Jura Mountains, near the superhighway from Geneva to Lyons, and was about to bring on-stream 50 million cubic feet of natural gas a day from the Angila field in the North Sea. Pivier's opinions reflect his wide view of people and events:

Jean Chrétien: I know him, well, one stand on a street corner and patina with him. He thought he could get votes and financial support in Western Canada because everybody in West-ern Canada knows him, and lots of people did from his early cabinet period. But he is tremendously disliked in the West, particularly since part of his policy pledge in to unravel the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement. I told him that with such a plus there as to why he will get moral or financial support out here. Chrétien and John Turner both remind me of Andrew Jackson, who was number 9 under Winston Churchill. Everybody considered him the hero of Churchill—who did all the thinking for him—but on his own, he was a dismal flop.

The Gulf War: Despite the wide swing in oil prices, most Oil Patch chief financial officers are doing \$21 a barrel for long-term planning purposes, which is \$5 more than where the Iraq thing started. Let's face it, from a Canadian point of view, the whole Middle East situation has been extremely favorable, because we are an export of oil. It is terms of the national economy that should worry us. Most of our resources for people's gasoline, which is used in a highly wasteful way. From a plain, selfish point of view, the more conflict there is in the Middle East, the more favorable it is to Canada. But some of the possibilities are devastating. It could turn into a Vietnam that would make that

'Alberta's government operates on simplistic terms at an IQ level of taxi drivers—though that's maybe an insult to taxi drivers'

we look like a kindergarten, with thousands of hostages killed. Solidus Hanson has Kuwait, and he is not going to let go. It is a big mess, but we will leave that to the politicians, while we sit here and are happy with our oil price.

Brian Mulroney: There is no doubt. Mulroney has been disappointing, except that certainly as far as Western Canada is concerned, he did finally fulfill his promise to Peter Lougheed to unravel the National Energy Program. On the other hand, he did that only after Peter played the tapes back to him of his campaign speech up in northern Alberta, where he had made that pledge—wherever there is a good chance he would have reneged on it. Most people in the Oil Patch do not like Mulroney because they are very decisive men who make quick judgments, and cannot stand his wussy-wussy compromise approach.

The GST: The only thing that bothers me is that they have gone at it backwards. We already have one of the most overwhelming bureaucracies in the world, and now we are going to enlarge it without necessarily reducing the deficit. The Canada West Foundation did an in-depth study of Canada's deficit and deficit situa-

tion, and when the volumes of homework came in, a slew of us got together at the Boardman's Club to study the results. It took all afternoon, but by the time we came up with the bottom line, we discovered that Canada's per capita deficit—including the provinces—was not twice, but four times as high as that of the United States, and that is a terribly important number.

Free Trade Agreement: I speak with some knowledge and possibly a little prejudice, because Simon Rousseau, who negotiated it, is a member of our board, but I think it is immensely favorable to Canada. It takes away the soft cushion Ontario has enjoyed through highly effective tariffs so it could export to the rest of the country with protection against any imports. For example, through the whole of the early oil development here, we were paying about 50 per cent more for valves than they could be bought for in Montreal.

Canada's Oil Reserves: It is important to realize that we are not a major player on the world oil scene. Canadian high-grade reserves are under three billion barrels, while the North Sea alone has something like 20 billion and Norway another 15 billion or more. Total world reserves are now about 250 billion barrels, so we really do not count. We are minor players at best, but from a parochial point of view, we are self-sufficient and that is very important.

Alberta: It is an amazing political animal, basically unconscious and brought with giant physical rules. It is right where the seiches come down from Davis Street, and we know from firsthand on the ocean floor that the big ones actually scrape the bottom. They could dig into the bottom and wipe out the oil rig's subsea completion, which would mean enormous incremental costs.

The Budget: It has been very disappointing, with none of the discovery companies able to establish a large, cautious reserve. Every well is different and it is a difficult area to explore and even more difficult to finance. I told a few years ago, in a somewhat heated moment, that all Canadian frontier fields were unworkable. Well, if you put the whole package together, they are.

Winch Lake: I have never seen anything laid out in a more upside-down manner. The province that stood to gain the most on federal handouts—Newfoundland and Manitoba—balked it. And the province that stood to gain the most by killing it—Alberta, which can stand on its own—supported it, because Don Getty wanted Skat. Water named to the Senate. I sometimes think the Alberta government operates on very complex terms at an IQ level of taxi drivers—though that's maybe an insult to taxi drivers. The government thought that if Mulroney did not appoint Waters, he would run provincially and the Conservatives would get wiped. So they supported Winch, and got Mulroney to get him in the Senate. It was no more complicated than that.



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It is a phenomenon that involves a fabulous transfer of wealth—and some personal tragedies. Over the next 20 years, as older generations of Canadians will pass on nearly \$1 trillion to a generation of inheritors, born during and after the Second World War. In 1983, Arlene Perry Rae, wife of Bob Rae, now the Ontario premier, became a reluctant part of that sad but undeniable process. On a warm August evening, her parents, Albert Perry, 72, and Hannah, 63, played golf before leaving on their 1974 Oldsmobile for dinner at a restaurant in north Toronto. Moments later, a speeding Corvette careened head on into their car, killing both of them. Albert Perry, who had just sold his travel agency to an associate, left his daughter more than \$100,000. While Perry Rae's inheritance did nothing to ease the pain of her loss, it represents the sign of opportunity and tragedy that a growing number of Canadians face as their parents' assets, built up in the strong post-1945 economy, are passed on. But, said Perry Rae, now 41, "Money is useful when you want your parents back."

In Canada, nearly \$1 trillion, or 50 per cent of all personal assets, are controlled by people 50 years of age or older. Some economists estimate that the real estate holdings alone of Canadians over 65 are worth \$250 billion. In the next 20 years or so, most of the wealth of those Canadians will be transferred to their children. The economic implications are staggering. Financial experts predict that the inheritors—a term first coined in 1981 by Michael Senior, Contributing Editor Peter C. Newman—freed from debts and flush with new cash, will trigger a spectacular spending boom on everything from palatial homes to luxury cars. They add that it is only through the transfer of so much wealth that middle-class Canadians in the future will be able to enjoy the same standard of living as their parents. But some politicians, such as Perry Rae's husband, want to tax this transfer of wealth by restoring inheritance taxes as a way of raising revenues and slowing the gap between the rich and the poor (page 54). Meanwhile, financial planners are already doing a lucrative business advising the wealthy. Sam Doss-Baillie, an investment counsellor with Met Associates Investment Coun-



Perry Rae: cash is unable to ease the pain of lost parents



Slippi children of the rich are now preparing how best to inherit the family firm

sell Inc. of Toronto. "More than 80 per cent of our new business is people in their late 30s to late 40s who have inherited."

An enormous rate as the Income Tax Act—the 21-Year Deemed Disposition Rule—is also fueling the \$1-trillion rollover because it stipulates that capital gains must soon be paid on thousands of Canadian estates. Specifically, the 21-year rule states that on Jan. 1, 1993, capital-gains taxes must be paid on the increase in value of assets, such as stocks and bonds, that were placed in trust before Jan. 1, 1972, the year that the first capital-gains tax took effect. Canada's wealthiest families and thousands of family-owned businesses have billions of dollars in such trust-based trusts set, to escape the capital-gains grab, they are weeding away these assets to younger inheritors.

Advice: The business of valuing estates over from one generation to another has grown to the point where some financial planners now call themselves inheritance counsellors, offering investment and estate-planning advice. Some are even trying to convince inheritors to donate large amounts to charities. Increasingly, they say that they are counselling younger Canadians, who, overwhelmed by rich endowments, tend to squander their riches. Others help children and parents come to terms with so-called gift—a practice where living relatives give part, or all, of a future inheritance to their children, sometimes with disastrous results. Said Gary Robertson, provincial manager for Royal Capital Planners Ltd. of Mississauga, N.B.: "We see more [inheritors] led by their children lately. We sit here and cringe, but this has become a very unfortunate thing. It's a dark shadow, but that's the way it's going."

Much of the wealth that will be transferred in the future is controlled by a generation of hardworking, extremely debt-free men and women raised during the Great Depression. They inherited little wealth from their own parents, but largely as a result of a 40-year, almost unbroken climb in housing prices and a booming stock market in the 1970s and 1980s, many people now over 60 have amassed lucrative estates. Said

wealth in Canada. Using 1984 Statistics Canada figures on wealth, the latest available, Davies estimates that the average household with at least one member over the age of 50 has assets of \$208,000, just \$36,000 less than the Hicks estimate. But Davies adds that the figure is likely higher, because Statistics Canada excludes valuable financial holdings such as company pension plans and other non-registered investments of houses. But while thousands of Canadians will receive rich inheritances, just as many will go without. Indeed, extrapolating from the same 1984 Statistics Canada figures, fully one-fourth of Canadians over the age of 65 had only \$34,000 or less in assets.

Hicks adds that instead of spending their loved ones' savings, most seniors are living off annual income and government pensions—leaving their estates largely intact for their children. Added Wayne Walker, vice-president of Investors Group Inc., a Winnipeg-based financial firm: "It goes against the grain to much the capital. They still fear the future." Still, despite the sea and anticipation of the established wealth bubble, leading comments say that it may be even larger than \$1 trillion. They point out that very little is known about the size of the wealth of Canada's richest class—many of whom will leave massive estates to younger Canadians.

Large: While the largest inheritances need expert financial and tax advice on how to handle their share of the inheritance boom, financial planners say that most others should follow a simple strategy: pay down their debts. For her part, Perry Rae used her inheritance to reduce the mortgage on her family's principal in the 1970s for \$250,000. In 1980—in the desirable Bay Point area in Toronto—she added: "My father was a real saver. He always said to me, 'Interest is not something you pay, it's something you should save.'"

As well as cash and property, Canadians are inheriting companies from their parents. In 1983, Llewellyn (Lew) Smith became president of his father's well-known family food company, R. D. Smith & Sons Ltd., of

Kern Duffley of Duffley, Molloy & Associates Ltd., a St. John's, Nfld., investment house. "We have seen vast amounts go to children and grandchildren in the past five years. The years ago, a quarter of a million dollars was a large block of money. Now, it's half a million or a million."

According to Statistics Canada data and a national survey of 1,384 Canadians over 50, conducted by the Toronto management consulting company Hicks & Co. in connection with Toronto-based Hicks Consultants, the average household with one or more people over the age of 50 had nearly \$200,000 in assets. On average, company president Ralph Hicks said, these households had accumulated real estate investments worth \$150,000, along with cash and other financial holdings such as RRSPs and bonds amounting to \$114,000. They also had \$75,000 in stocks and investments in large and small businesses, and another \$40,000 in a wide variety of other assets. Their average debt was \$25,000.

Using Statistics Canada mortality projections, Hicks estimates that 3.5 million Canadians, representing about 10 per cent of the population, will have an average net worth of \$250,000, will die over the next 20 years. Using those numbers, Hicks arrives at the nearly \$1 trillion that will be inherited.

Hicks' theory is supported by University of Western Ontario economist James Davies, a leading expert on

WOMEN HANDLE INHERITED WEALTH MORE RESPONSIBLY THAN MEN



Brenda: counseling relatives who are hitting over family fortunes

Winnipeg, Ont., located 19 km east of Hamilton. Even though his father was still alive, and Brenda was then only 30, he received 100 per cent of the company's common stock through a trust. But she wouldn't carried a high price—the psychological pressure of ensuring that the family's business, which has annual sales of \$46 million, continued to prosper. Added Brenda: "I could never live knowing I did not give it my best shot."

Lessons: Rich legacies can also bring major lifestyle changes. For large inheritances, it provides the choice of continuing to work or assuming a life of leisure. That is the choice that now faces Gordon Wager. In 1983, he inherited his father's 300-acre cattle-breeding operation on the picturesque rolling hills near Newburgh, Ont., in the Kingston area. After struggling to make a living on the farm since 1983, Wager says that he will now do what many baby boomers who inherit family farms do—sell out and retire. Said Wager, who has one son with his wife, Gloria: "If I can get between \$500,000 and \$1 million (in it), I will get it in the bank at the best interest rate available, and live on the income." Added his wife: "I would like to be able to go onto a farm and not worry what things cost."

Still, like many middle-class inheritances, Gloria Wager, who was recently laid off from her job as a janitor operator at a nearby Calumet Canada plant, is unable to completely shake the work ethic that has ruled her life for so many years. In fact, she says that she would like to go back to work, even if she could live comfortably

for years on her family's inheritance. She added: "Really, I would rather work now than Kevin, my son, is older. You should try and do as much with the money as you can. It would be

nice if our child got some of it, too, later on."

Other, far richer Canadians, faced with the capital-gains implications of the 21-Year Deemed Disposition Rule, also want to protect their children's inheritances. Harold Shapp, 64, the chairman of the family-owned Mississippi-based development firm Shapp Corp., says that he has been studying the capital-gains tax implications of the 21-year rule for years. In the late fall of 1987, Shapp, his wife, Jane, his three children, two aged 20 to 26, trustees, financial advisers and lawyers met at an exclusive resort. There, they decided what should happen to the children's inheritances, which included assets in the family trust. Recalls Shapp: "It was a very frank discussion. This was a 20-year trust that wound down. We were preparing for another 21-year trust. The trustees took out the assets and gave them to the beneficiaries. Then, it was 'Ball me over, and see over.'"

Escape: While the fortunes of wealthy Canadians like the Shapps grow in tax-sheltered trusts, for most middle-class Canadians inheritance may be the only way to escape an ever-tightening debt squeeze. According to Statistics Canada data, average Canadian family debt increased almost fivefold to \$25,636 in 1984, the latest year for which figures are available, from \$4,341 in 1979. And leading economists estimate that debt has been steadily climbing since then. Said Steven Murray, assistant vice-president of estate and trust services at Canada Trust in Toronto: "People like to think they will have a lifestyle of luxury, with sailboats and other benefits, when they inherit; but the inheritance just disappears as they pay the debt down."

For many other debt-ridden Canadians, as



THE NEST EGG

Average assets of households headed by people over 50 years of age in Canada

Real estate:	\$150,000
Cash and financial holdings, including RRSPs, bonds and bank deposits:	\$110,000
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inheritance is the only way to finance a comfortable retirement. Leading financial analysts say that, for many members of the baby boom generation using most of their disposable income to pay down their mortgages, inheritances represent their only chance to build the nest-egg that they failed to accumulate on their own. Added Ronald Fletcher, regional manager with the Investors' Group in Halifax: "The majority who inherit are looking for alternative ways to outpace living this money work for them."

Many younger Canadians who just want to spend their inheritances on the good life are facing growing resistance from their more frugal parents. In fact, some parents are disabusing their children in favor of their grandchildren—in some cases, locking the inheritance away for years. Said Toronto tax lawyer Maurice Gully: "People are increasingly concerned about passing wealth to children. People are creating trusts that postpone vesting until age 33, 34 or even 36."

Trusts: Canadians are often put off by locking money in trusts and out of the reach of their children. Hicks says that older inheritors usually know the most profitable ways of investing and handling the money and assets that they receive, but younger Canadians are more reckless. Added Toronto family lawyer John Lowndes: "Most young inheritors take their money and burn—it's blown. If you buy a Ferrari, then \$200,000 is not a lot of money."

Despite the nearly \$1-trillion inheritance tax, the assets held by many senior Canadians continue to grow in value in a variety of lucrative tax shelters. Paul Delaney, a financial adviser with T. Delaney Inc., a Toronto investment firm, says that flexible and negotiated retirement income funds (RRSPs) allow seniors to escape taxes while adding to their estates. Unlike annuities, which usually pay equalized retirement income payments, minimum-payment RRSPs allow variable payments, so that a larger portion of the estate remains protected and growing in RRSP tax shelters. Says Delaney: "It is amazing how so many of the RRSPs we see are not screen-figure money." In fact, Delaney says that it is not unusual for Canadians over 60 to have an average of \$300,000 saved in RRSPs of all types, up from around \$60,000 in the mid-1980s. Hicks adds that Delaney's \$200,000 RRSP estimate is similar to the results of his own survey, which found that this average Canadian over 50 had \$310,000 in financial holdings—over half RRSPs and other investment vehicles such as income funds.

While Canada has had no inheritance or wealth taxes since 1972, there is a capstone tax that comes due at the time of death

Still, even though many capital-gain holdings have been closed in the past decade, some inheritances grow so largely untraced as they are passed on through such vehicles as pension-child-judicially-held residences and gifts of property. Indeed, rich Canadians can even escape

death to talk freely to their parents about the parents' wealth, but it comes with an understanding on the parents' part.

Men and women also differ in their reactions to wealth. For the most part, Bernicki says, in her experience female inheritors are more responsible than men after receiving large inheritances. She said that a woman's first reaction may be to purchase expensive consumer goods because she wants to feel the power and freedom that money can provide, but that is a short-term phenomenon. Recalled a 44-year-old Toronto teacher, who declined to be identified, on her reaction to a \$500,000 inheritance: "I bought hot red towels and grey towels and white wool blankets and 181 Elton albums. Then, I had a crying fit."

Men's reactions also tend to be complicated. Bernicki said that men often become socially aggressive when they suddenly get more money. She added that she knows a 33-year-old Toronto lawyer who received a large inheritance, then behaved in ways that led to the breakup of his marriage and the loss of his house and law practice. Said Bernicki: "Money is a horrendous weapon. We forget who people are because of money, and that is sad."

Benefits: Meanwhile, representatives of charities say that they hope some causes will benefit from the large pool of wealth being passed on to younger people. They contend that they may be able to tap the inheritors' generosity to create a major source of charitable funds. A prominent counsel for Kati Schuch, says that she is planning to work with inheritors and young high-income earners to set up a Canadian foundation to fund wealth from rich inheritors who own company projects. She says that she helped a similar group in Minneapolis called the Headwater Trust, which attracted inheritors who wanted to reinsert the social values they believed in as in the 1960s. Said Kati Schuch: "In Canada, there is a real awakening happening, too. People went through a materialistic phase, and now there is a sense of charitable giving." Added Liane Thibault, a vice-president with Toronto's TTC Group of financial institutions: "I see longer-term social benefits for

Canada as baby boomers recognize that they have enough and that maybe they should put something back outside themselves." But most of those lucky Canadians who eventually do receive an inheritance will perhaps only take an expensive consumer goods, and use some of their wealth to pay off their debts—a move that no doubt would please their frugal parents.

TON FENNELLS with **AMY WALAGLEY** in Toronto and **GLEN ALLEN** in Halifax



The Wagers: so sure 'worry what things cost'

Canadian taxes by shifting financial assets abroad.

Meanwhile, a growing number of financial planners are being called upon to deal with children who want all or part of their inheritances before their parents die. And such demands can destroy a family. Detective Bernicki, a Toronto publicist who has connected troubled inheritors, says that children often resent their parents' concerns over how the money will be spent. Said Bernicki: "They

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FAMILY FORTUNES ARE AT RISK

It is an enormous problem for some wealthy Canadians—and one that attracts little sympathy from the public at large. Across Canada, financial planners, tax lawyers and business people are racing to advise family and corporate fortunes, held in trust, from a looming tax deadline. In 1972, when the federal government replaced inheritance taxes with a capital gains tax, it built in an escape hatch that allowed individuals and companies a 35-year tax deferral for gains on assets placed in trust by that year. The tax holiday expires on Jan. 1, 1993. Then, if estate planners did not make other arrangements, the total tax bill due could reach billions of dollars. For family fortunes and businesses held in trust that are unable to take advantage of other shelters, the results could be devastating. According to David Gallagher, managing director of the Ontario branch of the Canadian Association of Family Entrepreneurs, a Toronto-based business lobby group, the end of 1992 will bring "the big bang for Canadian business."

Risk: The situation arose as a result of a clause in the Income Tax Act, known as the 35-Year Deferred Depreciation Rule. It essentially taxes trusts at the same way as individuals, whose estates have to pay capital gains on assets at the time of death. Under the rule, trusts in a sense, die every 35 years—and have to pay capital gains taxes at that time. The rush to avoid the looming deadline has created a boom in the financial planning industry, as tax experts register the movement of assets out of the trusts at the end of the deadline. The job of these professionals is to shepherd as much of the assets as they can out of the reach of the tax man—and preserve it for a younger generation of inheritors. And the stakes are enormously high. Gallagher estimates that a third of the value of trust companies in the province of Ontario could be wiped out if the provisions of the regulations cannot be avoided. Sells Gallagher: "They may even have to sell the company to pay for the taxes."

At the same time, wealthy Canadians face another threat—the possible return of inheritance taxes. Since the capital gains tax was

enacted in 1972, all provinces have phased out their own estate taxes because they decided that having birth was unfair. Quebec was the last, dropping its succession duty in 1986. But while hundreds of lawyers and accountants are busy trying to move family businesses and other assets to trust out of Revenue Canada's grasp, Ontario's New Democratic Party gov-



Now: proposing to bring back inheritance taxes

ernment is proposing to bring back inheritance taxes on the basis that the capital gains tax has too many loopholes. Premier Bob Rae says that an inheritance tax affecting large estates would raise \$150 million annually for the province. Added the premier: "Because of judicial greed, conspicuous there is a lot of money that is not being counted as income."

Political MP tax critic William Blaikie said that inheritance taxes are fair because they act against the further concentration of wealth. He

rejected arguments that an inheritance tax in Ontario alone would cause the companies and estates located there to leave. Sells the Winnipeg MP: "Where are they going to move to—Switzerland?" For its part, the United States, where taxes are generally lower than those in Canada, imposes a tax rate of 37 per cent on estates worth more than \$600,000 and 55 per cent on estates worth more than \$3 million.

The new Ontario government has not yet drawn up a proposal for an inheritance tax. But government spokesmen say that one is necessary because there are several ways for estates and companies to shelter assets as they move out of trusts. Wolfe Goodrich, one of Canada's top estate planning lawyers, and that while some trusts are unable to do so, the simplest way for others to sidestep the taxes is to collapse the trust before the 1993 deadline, and distribute the assets, which in many cases consist of shares of publicly traded companies, to the beneficiaries. By doing so, the trust avoids the tax and the assets stay in the family. At the same time, such a process allows parents to stay in control of a family business by retaining voting shares in the company, while children receive dividends on their common shares. As well, analysts say that in very rare cases extremely rich Canadians can avoid taxes by creating trusts in foreign tax havens, as long as the income generated in the trusts is not returned to Canada.

Collapse: Some efforts to move holdings out of trusts before the deadline are hampered by arrangements made in 1972. In some cases, the terms of the trust specified that assets and assets could not be distributed to children until they reached a certain age, which may happen after Jan. 1, 1993. As a result, some families have gone to court to try to convince the Official Guardian of the Province, who has legal responsibility to protect minors and future beneficiaries, that an earlier collapse of the trust would not be detrimental.

Meanwhile, Gallagher's organization is lobbying the federal government to introduce the capital gains tax. It argues that the capital gains tax is particularly unfair when it is applied to the value of businesses, because much of the apparent growth in the assets is inflation. A firm that was valued at \$1 million when it went into a trust in 1972 could be worth 30 times as much now, leaving it vulnerable to a devastating tax bill of more than \$1 million in 1993. As the deadline to protect billions of dollars in assets from the tax collector looms, the children of Canada's wealthiest citizens face the prospect of sharing their legacies with both the federal and Ontario governments.

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Broadcast visionary

William Paley was a radio and TV innovator

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In the early years of TV, Paley was responsible for introducing such figures as Lucille Ball and Ed Sullivan to the medium, and he recruited artists like Jack Benny and Jackie Gleason from other networks. He went on to acquire a reputation for aggressive programming instincts. Against the advice of some network executives, he supported such innovative programs as *All in the Family* and *M*A*S*H*, which became critical and popular successes. Meanwhile, he was heavily interested in CBS's own coverage, bringing Walter Cronkite and Leonard Cohen to the network, and later helping to launch 60 Minutes. Rather media that when he returned recently from the Persian Gulf, Paley called him in for a friendly account. Said the anchorman: "He remained personally interested in news up to the time of his death."

Born in Chicago, Paley was the son of successful cigar merchant Samuel Paley, a Russian Jewish immigrant, who made his son a vice president of the company after William had completed studies at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance in 1919. The young cigar executive became interested in broadcasting after the company bought some advertising time on a Philadelphia radio station, one of 10 in the United Independent Broadcasters Network, later known as CBS. Although the chain was losing money, Paley bought it for about \$400,000 in 1929. While making the radio network profitable, Paley introduced such figures as Bing Crosby, Kate Smith and Frank Sinatra to the airwaves, helping to launch their careers.

In the embryonic years of television, when studios were denouncing the new medium as a passing fad, Paley decided to commit CBS to the small screen. "My imagination went wild over



Paley (right) with Mitzi Green and Ed Bradley: 'a man committed to excellence'



Paley (left) with Cronkite: success inherits

both ratings and revenues, a position that it held for the following 20 decades—on the night of 1954, it lost out to ABC and has not since managed to recover its preeminence.

Paley had difficulty relinquishing control of CBS. He retired as chief executive officer in 1977, but remained as chairman. He died three personal successes before leaving as Thomas Wynn as president in 1980 and making him chairman in 1982. Then, unhappy with Wynn's performance, Paley consolidated his own return to the post in 1986, hoping to help sharpen the network's competitive edge and restore its sagging reputation for news coverage.

Paley was an intensely private man with personal tastes—he brought live classical mu-

sic concerts to radio, and his CBS office was decorated with paintings by masters including Pablo Picasso and Jackson Pollock. For magazine has included him in its list of the 400 richest Americans. In the 1960s, his wealth was estimated to be in excess of \$100 million. After divorcing in 1947 his first wife, actress Dorothy Hart, with whom he adopted his first two children, he wed Barbara (Babe) Cushman Mortimer four days later. He and his beautiful second wife, with whom he had two children, were prominent figures in New York City's gay society until she died in 1978.

According to Sally Bedell Smith, author of a new biography of Paley called *All His Glory*, Paley was mostly a believer in a husband and father because of his complicity with women and his obsession with his business empire. His greatest loss, it seems, was for CBS—and for the medium that will forever carry his stamp.

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Under the bill, which retroactively amends the 20-year-old Clean Air Act, American manufacturers, power utilities and consumers could face estimated costs of up to \$25 billion a year as polluters switch to cleaner fuels and install equipment to reduce emissions. Agreement on the bill, which Congress has just weeks away from approving and sent on for Bush's signature, ended a decade of bitter wrangling between the White House and Congress and years of impasse between Washington and Ottawa. Environmentalists and scientists on both sides of the border lauded the agreement. "It has been a long struggle," said William Reilly, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "Now, we're seeing the light of day." John Bennett, a congressman with the Toronto-based Canadian wing of the environmentalist organization Greenpeace, said that he had envisioned that the bill did not go far enough, but added, "We are pleased that the United States is moving on acid rain."

Under the sweeping package agreed on by the committee, electrical power utilities that use coal or oil as fuel will have 10 years to reduce sulphur dioxide emissions to 0.1 million tons a year from the current level of 38 million tons, and nitrogen oxide emissions to four million tons from six million tons annually. These reductions could be achieved through the use of low-sulphur coal or natural gas or by installing smokestack scrubbers to filter emissions. As well as an effort to reduce the smog that chokes many North American cities, the bill aims to reduce automobile tail-pipe emissions of nitrogen oxide by 60 per cent by 1997. In another sweeping move, the bill orders auto-

try in the coming decade to eliminate 90 per cent of emissions into the air of such toxic substances as benzene, mercury and dioxin. The conference committee's sweeping pro-

posals were the product of political compromise. The support of Midwest legislators emerged only after the last-minute White House approval of a \$200-million compensation package over five years for workers laid off as the result of clean-air measures. According to the Washington-based United Mine Workers of America union, between 12,000 and 15,000 mining jobs could be lost during the next 10 years as mines phase out the mining of high-sulphur coal.

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Desmet (left), Philip and Stephen: 'a very special moment'

Said, after completing his two-year stint as leader last week "But I have to put it in perspective. Who else gets to live a childhood dream?"

Indeed, only a few hundred highly skilled pilots have had the chance to fly on Canada's now-legendary military aerobatic team during its 20-year history. As proof of their pride in being chosen to join one of the most visible elements of the Canadian Forces, 350 former Snowbirds pilots and groundcrew gathered at Moose Jaw's Canadian Forces Base from Oct.

19 to 21 to celebrate the team's anniversary. The occasion followed the team's last flying performance of the 1990 season before the Snowbirds' core and their guests. Premier Jean Charest came from as far away as South Korea and Hong Kong, to relive their moments as part of a team that has dazzled crowds at 1,000 air shows across North America during the past two decades.

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AN ENTHUSIASTIC ENCOUNTER

Children's writer Robert Munsch is Canada's best-selling author, but he had trouble getting his new book into print. *Good Families Don't*, the story of a girl's encounter with what Munsch describes as "a giant purple, green and yellow fart," is one of his most popular tales at readings. His regular publisher, Annick Press, declined the book, and instead Doubleday Canada published it. Evan Munsch, 45, admitted: "Maybe if I were a rancher, I wouldn't read it to my class." Still, the first printings of 25,000 have sold out. The sweet smell of success.



Houston: 'my hair isn't always done'

ORDINARY DIAMONDS

Despite her star status and worldwide record sales of more than 35 million, Whitney Houston reveals that she is "no different from anyone else." Soul Houston, 27, recently: "I have a very normal life. I don't wear makeup all the time and my hair isn't always done." Yet, with her expensive clothes and diamond jewelry, the singer looked very much the superstar during a recent *Canadiana* visit to promote her third album, *I'm Your Baby Tonight*. Amidst the jewels she wore was a stunning diamond ring on her engagement finger. Houston only divulged to wear the ring "to have a friend." Only the profiler knows for sure.

Vampire video

Canadian Joe Flaherty is well known to the fans of Canada's classic comedy series SCTV. He has played diverse characters including Sunny Mountain, the busy talk-show host, and Floyd Robertson, the busy news anchor. Says Flaherty: "I'd get actors to play multiple personalities." Now, Flaherty, 44, has reconstructed one of those SCTV characters in a newly released video, *Making Real Funny Manu Video: An Adult Floyd, the vampire film critic*. Flaherty gives "cheesy" tips to amateur movie-makers. He demonstrates such "necessary" techniques as getting a woman's fix in a lady's smiling pool to the encouragement of receiving music. The *Canoe* acknowledges: "Maybe it's not intimidating idleness, but it sure is cute."



Flaherty: 'necessary' techniques

currently stars in the mad scientist on TV's comedy series, *Mannix*. Munsch says that he has not read Flaherty's video. He added, "I don't think I'd have the energy to make comedy videos at home."

FACING THE MUSIC

Patti Quilbous leader Jacques Perreault could not resist getting into the act last week, when Quebecois pop singer Celine Dion refused to accept the Quebec music industry's Félix award for anglophone artist of the year for her first English album, *Unison*. Said Perreault: "I was impressed and I wrote her a small note to say so." But not everyone was so positive. Angry organizers of the annual awards ceremony, including André Michaud, the president of the Quebec music industry association, ACOQ, and that Dion, 23, could have withdrawn her name several months ago instead of staging her public refusal of the award at the televised ceremony at Montreal's Place des Arts. And angry English-speaking Quebecers and that they were insulted by Dion's statements. But Dion, who has sold a million records, including more than 150,000 copies of *Unison*, was adamant: "I am not an anglophone artist. Everywhere I go, I say I'm proud to be Québécoise."



Dion: 'not an anglophone artist'

The battle of the sexes in America

French writer and artist Françoise Gilot says that when she first visited North America in 1960, she was shocked that North American women were treated as lesser beings. Gilot, who just published a memoir entitled *Mateline and Picasso*, lived with the philandering Picasso from 1946 to 1964. Still, Gilot, 68, says that Americans "have stereotypes about women that are absurd." Added Gilot: "Nobody in Europe would believe that way."

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BOOKS

A taste for sport

An armchair athlete reflects on his career

THE TALES OF AN ATHLETIC

SUPPORTER

By Trent Frayne
(McClelland & Stewart, 208 pages, \$27.95)

Early in the 1980s, when he was a Toronto Telegram reporter writing about a game between the Toronto Argonauts and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, Trent Frayne described a late-quarter kickoff by John Karris as "unsustainable." At a practice two days later, the snooty, four-inch, 250-lb football player caught up with Frayne in the locker room. On his way to the shower, asked, he put his hands under Frayne's armpits and hoisted him so that the two men were eyeball-to-eyeball. Recall Frayne in his new book, *The Tales of an Athletic Supporter*: "As my feet dangled somewhere past below his knees, he said to me, amiably enough, 'Listen, you little bastard, for all you know, people might be reading this stuff.'"



Frayne: hilarious and moving anecdotes

The story is one of many anecdotes—some amusing, some hilarious—scattered through Frayne's reflections on his six-decade career as a sports reporter. "I became a sports fan 18 days after I turned 8," he writes, describing the day in September, 1938, when he listened to a radio for the first time and heard a blow-by-blow account of the boxing match between "The Fighting Marine," Gene Tunney, and "The Mexican Master," Jack Dempsey.

Frayne began writing about sports when, as a 15-year-old high-school student in his native Brandon, Man., he complained to King Crawford, editor of the Brandon Sun, that the paper did not give proper coverage to school basketball tournaments. Crawford invited Frayne to send in reports. That apprenticeship led Frayne to The Winnipeg Tribune six years later, for his first job as a "full-fledged, 100-per-cent sportswriter with a fat nose—all the way up to 80 inches a week." Frayne has since worked for at least a half-dozen major Canadian newspapers and magazines, and he spent several years as the publicity man for the Ontario Jockey Club. He currently writes a sports column for *Maclean's*.

Frayne, 72, calls his book a memoir, which allows for the highly personal, if selective, nature of his tales. He records some of the painful chapters in his life: being raised as the only child of a hard-drinking railway man and a feisty bar hostess, and losing his 26-year-old son Casey in a 1962 motorcycle accident. But those events are separated in usually between the lines of another anecdote. And he



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very little about his life with journalist-author Joan Githens, his wife of 50 years.

Instead, Payne serves his readers for a host of observations from fellow reporters to the great and near greats of sports. He describes the accidental baseball player Reggie Jackson as "the most fascinating person I encountered on the sports beat," and details the antics of baseball coach Lou Gehrig to entice *Amateur* college players to the *Argonauts*. He recalls living in a rooming house in 1938 with fellow reporters Scott Young and Ralph Allen where the two were courting the same woman. There are touching scenes from the Depression days, when a good night's sleep might be paid with a 16-cent loaf of this for playing baseball in rural Manitoba. And there are such nighty moments as *McGill*'s stunning catch of Joe DiMaggio's drive in the 1947 World Series.

Payne writes with a playwright's ear for dialogue and a sometimes poetic turn of phrase, characteristics that make him arguably the best sports columnist in Canada. In a chapter sometimes called "The not-so-secret science," he recalls a 1965 visit with Canadian Sam Langford, once banned as possibly the greatest fighter "second to punch" who ever lived. Payne found Langford, dressed in a baseball cap and a flannel shirt, sitting in a chair in a Boston boarding house. The bookie told Payne that she once asked Langford what he would like to do if he could do anything he wanted. He replied the fighter: "Listen, I've been everywhere I wanted to go, I've won everything I wanted to win, and I guess I've come just about everything there is to eat. Now I just want to sit here in my room and not chase my gut trouble."

In many ways, Payne's book stands as a tribute to the older legends of sport, which allows him to comment on the evolution of sports behavior and the increasing level of greed. He describes how TV broadcaster Frank Gresham influenced players before the careers in *Viviana* with American \$500 bets on each at his table. The sport of hockey, by contrast, appears to have changed little, judging by King Clancy's description of a fight he had with player Arne Somers. Somers "gave me a butt and in the knee. It split my tongue, halfway back and knocked out four teeth. It was the last of the game. I lived it all, ya know."

Payne writes with equal ease and expertise about hockey, baseball, golf, tennis, boxing, horse racing and football. His graceful prose, however, could have been interrupted by a more colorful straggler. Chapter 4, chronicling his youth and early career, clearly belongs at the beginning of the book. And the lack of an index for a book so full of random names, places and dates is unfortunate.

Older, Payne's often joyful book ends on a melancholy note. He writes of the village "It is an excuse of spirit that the lips go first. For sportswriters, it's the enthusiasm." Payne would have readers believe his enthusiasm has waned, although there is little evidence to support it. After all, people are, as Karen O'Reilly, still reading the little basket's stuff.

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Grass, Crowfoot: an unconventional marriage proposal that is 'strictly business'

TELEVISION

Lovers' leap

A woman rancher finds romance on the range

GETTING MARRIED IN BUFFALO JUMP
Directed by Eric Tipt
(Nov. 4, CBC)

In a light romantic movie, the course of true love almost always suffers setbacks: unrequited affection, generous that withers, words that get misinterpreted. The outcome is inevitably happy, but the ending can still be satisfying in spite of its predictability. Getting Married in Buffalo Jump, a two-hour made-for-TV movie that airs on the CBC on Sunday, is a likable, low-key romance that fills most of those criteria. And it starts with a redoubting twist, the latter makes a marriage proposal barely 15 minutes into the film. But despite a strong plot and some good performances, the movie fails to generate enough romantic voltage.

Buffalo Jump does have some of charm found in a 1987 novel by Susan Christie Hays: it focuses on Sophie Wynn (Floody Crowfoot), a thirty-something woman who has returned to her southern Alberta home after spending several disillusioning years as a lounge pianist in Toronto. Her father has died, leaving her a large ranch. Despite her mother's objections, Sophie is determined to stay and succeed. She needs a hard hand, and finds one in the highly desirable form of Alexander Dreyfus (Paul Gross), a neighbor who has

returned to Buffalo Jump after 13 years.

Despite Alex's taciturn manner in a slow-paced intimacy. Because he is a middle-aged man who will not admit love from his traditional Ukrainian father, and since Sophie has had but little experience in running a ranch, Alex suggests—in their first date—that they marry. "This would be business," he tells her. Delighted, she declares. But Sophie, who joins the foothills ranch, soon sees the logic of his suggestion and agrees to marry him. Problems arise when both sides of the family make it difficult for the couple to wed. As well, Alex has failed to mention his illegitimate 13-year-old son, who lives in the nearby town with his mother.

Crowfoot effectively conveys Sophie's conflicting emotions; she is both attracted to Alex and repulsed by the cold deliberation of his plan. Gross, however, exaggerates the cliché of the "strong silent type." Instead of creating an impression of a sensitive but mortified man searching for undisturbed passion, he simply seems wooden. The supporting cast, though, is exceptionally good, and the cinematography lovingly captures the sweep and contours of the Alberta foothills. Gently humorous and full of unexpected developments, Buffalo Jump is a safe, engaging fare. But it never takes the daring leap that could have made it work.

DAVE TURKIE

Pluck and prejudice

A small-town Jewish boy copes with growing pains

MAX GLICK
(CBC, Mondays 9 p.m.)

America's hit movies have been spawning U.S. TV series ever since 1972, when the characters of the 1970 film *NYM 1954* moved to television. Now, a Canadian movie has made the shift. The show, *Max Glick*, is in fact a spin-off of a spin-off: in 1988, Toronto writer Marley Torrey was the Stephen Leacock prize for humor for his novel *The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick*; in 1988, a movie of the same name won awards at Toronto's Festival of Festivals and at the Vancouver International Film Festival. In the TV program, so in the book and the movie, the central character is 13-year-old Max Glick, an independent-minded Jewish boy growing up in Burnaby, a small western Canadian town, in the early 1980s.

Created by Phil Savath and Stephen Foster, who wrote and produced the Glick movie, the TV series gets off to a weak start. The pilot, which covers a lot of the same ground as the defunct 1988 film, is loose and lapsed. It relies too heavily on exaggerated double takes and lullaby plots. Still, some of the episodes, which deal with subjects ranging from love of the soccer field to Max's first coming-of-age experience, have subtlety and substance.

The series explores the pleasures and frustrations of growing up in a small town. Max's student Gail (Josh Garber) lives with his parents and grandparents in a house attached to the family's furniture-and-appliance shop. In the first show, his piano teacher enters him in a local-based competition with a new student, Gaila Begonia (Melissa Ade). His family objects because Gail is not Jewish—but Max develops a crush on her. Meanwhile, the boy strikes up a friendship with the community's young, hard-playing rabbi (Jason Macker).

Making his TV debut as the central character, Garber is likable, but his performance seems forced in comparison to Neve Zylberman's film portrayal of Max. The series merits the overly rare honor of naming Max's favorite artist the camera. It also looks too familiar in its style and subject matter. Max Glick closely resembles ABC's coming-of-age series, *The Wonder Years*. Max Glick tries hard, and it does tackle such tricky themes as small-town prejudice. But unless it can break new, it can't quite make it in the top of the class.

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*Eugene Forsey reflects on
a life of public service*

A LIFE ON THE FRINGE: THE MEMOIRS
OF EUGENE FORSEY

By Eugene Forsey
(Oxford: 242 pages, \$24.95)

He is a familiar figure at the nation's capital—crossing Wellington Street at O'Connor duty in a slow and measured plodding to his special office on Parliament Hill. In his new book of memoirs, Eugene Forsey recalls running across that Ottawa street as a child to meet his grandfather, William Cochrane Brewster, a senior clerk who worked in one of the few offices in the old Centre Block that was not reduced to rubble and ashes in the great fire of 1946. To his dismay, Forsey missed that spectacular event—he was having his appendix removed—but for years he kept a 16-cent piece of melted window glass and wore it as a souvenir. Few events connected to Parliament or its proceedings have engaged him more. At 86, Forsey has long been heralded as the dean of Canadian constitutional and parliamentary affairs. But he is also a storyteller with a vivid memory, as he makes abundantly clear in *A Life on the Fringe: The Memoirs of Eugene Forsey*, a warm and witty account of how a curious child evolved into an incisive scholar of the state of a nation and the roles that bend it.

Forsey has written eight earlier books, including *New Canadian Government*, all concerned with constitutional or parliamentary issues. His highly entertaining new one, however, is filled with the memories of a man who claims to keep no diary yet meticulously can remember the serial number of a bicycle given to him when he was 8. Forsey's autobiography spans more than three generations. It includes personal glimpses of 13 of the 14 prime ministers since 1894, and chronicles a re-orientation of Canadian political and social development. Beginning with family history in the outposts of Newfoundland, where the father was born, Forsey shifts to the McGill University classrooms where he studied political science—and where his mentor Stephen Leacock taught in left-of-centre grounds—in the birth of the trade union movement and of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF), and finally to the country's constitutional crisis. They are not the recollections of a man who has lived life lightly. "There has been a long time," writes Forsey, sitting with under-



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statement, "I have known a great deal of very interesting people."

Forney has managed to maintain his fierce independence while cultivating all of those friendships—and while juggling as many as three political allegiances at different stages of a life and varied life. He was an early member of the CCF, and helped draft its constitution. Yet, 25 years later, he accepted an appointment to the Board of Economic Governors from John Diefenbaker's Tory government. And then, in 1978, he was given a Liberal Senate post by Pierre Trudeau, whom he once promised to support "by any means in my power, even to the point of total silence." The Ottawa Establishment has tolerated Forney's partisan shifts—even Diefenbaker, known to many readers, forgive him. As for his own position in the ranks of opinion leaders, Forney writes modestly: "I have often said that Canada is a paradise for leeches: if you have enough nerve, grit, mind, crust, you can pinch yourself off an end of the population in a constellation of Senators, Cabinet, or Pope Issues, etc."

Forney has long been renowned for his bar for words and penchant for hyperbole, not only through his books but through the art, two-paragraph letters-to-the-editor—one terse paragraph for the rest, a second for the correction—that he has been writing for the past five decades. Forney remains in his memoirs that he learned such crispness while his grandfather and his mother taught him the basics of cabinet government when he was a boy. "They must have been superb simplifiers, for I have never had to sidestep anything they told me," he writes.

As for his skill in spinning a colorful tale, Forney credits his Newfoundland kin, many of whom are the subject of his years. He begins the book with a story about how his lineage was almost prematurely stopped. A sailing to him, a Forney ancestor, here on the passage from England to Halifax in 1767 and considered too weak to survive, was about to be tossed overboard in a box packed with salmon. The boy's mother stopped the man with a cry, thick with a Devonshire accent. "It's not dead yet!" writes Forney with flourish. "They squelched him and he lived for 180 years and five months—and kept 18 children."

Not all of Forney's recollections are as frothy. Unfettered by the limits of academic study, he rebukes the opportunity to meet again attack the Meech Lake constitutional accord, which he insists would have "dismembered and castrated" the country. He bristles at those who "bark and snarl" at the Senate, where he served until 1979. Throughout, however, he maintains the mind of a person who, near the end of life, remembers the good, not the bad.

There are those who will agree with Forney when he says that much of *A Life on the Fringe* will be dismissed as frivolous. But, however, will recognize the poetic moments of an author who—within too many of these who sit at the centre of power—loves the value of mischief and the endurance of integrity.

L. RAYE FULFORD

Out in left field

George Bell drops the ball in his autobiography

HARDBALL

By George Bell and Bob Elliott
(Key Porter, 256 pages \$24.95)

Over the years, many writers have effectively stored the dreams and passions of baseball. But when players take to print, the product is often closer to a souvenir than a piece of writing. Baseball books have become another franchise, like endowing a line of apartment. In the past four seasons, with the help of pitch writers, four Toronto Blue Jays have stepped up to the publishing plate. Pitcher Dave Stieb (*Conscious J.B. By Perfect*) and former Jays catcher Bruce Wren (*Catch A Major League Left*) have both written memoirs. Third-base hero Kelly Gruber is working on his. And now bellringer left-fielder George Bell offers *Hardball*, co-authored by Toronto's top sportswriter Bob Elliott.

Bell, writing a baseball book makes about as much sense as Bell trying to lay down a lead—and the results are just as unimpressive. In *Hardball*, he is like a deflated twirling for his own defect in recognizing baseball court. Dismissing the sport's pretense and, he points out that he is a double target for pitchers, who have hit him 36 times since 1984. "Sometimes," he says, "they don't play catch. Sometimes they throw at your head." He learned to fight back at an early age on sandlot diamonds in the Dominion Republic—and recounts of that period from the best part of the book.

Hardball flashes back to Bell as a teen, coach, 148-lb outfielder who first signed with the majors for \$20,000 in 1978, at the age of 18. With the infusion of his guts and worth, the book becomes a statistic-heavy catalogue of his trials and tribulations as the Jays' most beloved and most valuable player. Along the way he tells some lost tales to his foul with former manager Jimmy Williams. He calls current manager Cito Gaston "a man I love like a brother." And he says his friend shortstop Tony Fernandez is too much "like everything to God. I don't agree. God can only look what is such."

Bell's most recent effort seems subconsciously at great. He recalls that the fans and colored lights of his new house in the Dominion Republic are "not of like the land you might see as a hotel." And on meeting his wife, Marie, in 1978, he says, "She didn't change a lot in anything I didn't need to be changed." But then, yesterday he was perfect.

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FILMS

Sublime invention

A Quebec film-maker creates elusive magic

UNE HISTOIRE INVENTÉE
Directed by André Forcier

In one scene, a policeman staggers down the street with a gun in one hand and a string of two dozen beer cans—dangling like a kind of garland—in the other. Later in the movie, he substitutes an adversary by hanging him over the head with the Montreal yellow pages. Full of such bizarre touches, *Une Histoire inventée* (An Imaginary Told once then lies up to its title) is a sublime invention. Quebec director André Forcier has created a movie with the elusive magic of a classical play—natural comedy while around its edges, romance claims it as its hub. He has blended American pizazz, Shakespearean tragedy and Italian force into a witty collection with a distinctly Québécois flavor.

Une Histoire inventée is a tragedy-comedy about unrequited love and dislocated desire. Gaston (Jean Lapointe) is a washed-up trumpet player whose just too gets stuck in Montreal with out work. As an old friend, Gisele (France Castel), writes him back to Montreal to play at his modest nightclub, the Black Panther. Gaston's return delights Florence (Luzanne Marchais), a radiant beauty who has been unsuccessfully trying to seduce him for years. Whenever Florence goes, she is followed by a driving cabaret of 40-redeemable ex-lovers. Gaston, the so-called "Don Juan of the trumpet," is known as the only man in Montreal able to seduce her: "She's not my type," he says.

His type turns out to be Florence's daughter, a half-year, capricious actress named Solalida (Chantal Lemaire). In a displaced Montreal setting, she is playing Desdemona opposite her boyfriend, Tito (Jean-Pierre Falardeau), who is cast as Othello. On opening night, she discovers him indulging in a quick look of backstage sex with the wife's girl. After the show, the distraught Solalida flees the theatre and ends up at the Black Panther, where, to her mother's alarm, she develops a sudden and opposite attraction to Gaston.

The other characters are a wonderful array of comic-book loons. Gaston's piano player, Alvin (France Castel), is caught in love with the boss player, Sam (Viviane Weidner), a Bible-loving black man who ends up in a romantic chase with her. Gaston's

Marx (Maurice), the alcoholic cop, falls for an ex-man who confesses him that "only men with no imagination need beautiful women." (Gaston's director is a former *Batman* whose sidekick Alfredo/Louis De Santa), a snail's pace scene, bursts into tears at the end of the play each night because Desdemona has to make a live death.

Although the story takes place in Montreal, the characters' universe is on the scale of a village, with one policeman, one taxi driver, one theatre and one bar. It is a theatrical world. With Florence's head of ex-lovers trailing her

In *Une Histoire inventée*, Forcier balances tragedy and comedy with an elegance that recalls the work of Quebec's most celebrated film-maker, Denis Arcand. But unlike Arcand—who dismissed sex in *The Gendarme of the American Empire* (1986) and restaged the passion play in *Jesus of Montreal* (1989)—Forcier keeps the intellectual discourse largely invisible. The characters do not serve as vehicles for the author's voice. And the script, which the director co-wrote with his longtime collaborator, Jacques Marcotte, is playfully magnetic.

Luke Arcand, Forcier, 45, belongs to the generation of artists who began their careers during the cultural and political upheaval of the late 1960s. He achieved critical acclaim in the 1970s for his sales and *L'États chausse*, *Les Amis*, both set in the mean streets of east-end Montreal. But *Une Histoire inventée* marks a breakthrough. Already a box-office hit in Quebec, it has been invited to next spring's Cannes International Film Festival as part of the prestigious Directors' Fortnight program.

Forcier's cinematic romance is reminiscent of *Amore*, Italian director Federico Fellini's



Lapointe (left), Marchais: a real undercurrent of blues beneath jaunty rhythms of comedy

like a Greek chorus, the action shifts back and forth between the theatre and the nightclub. At one point, the two worlds are absurdly joined, as the cop handcuffs Gaston to Solalida, who drags him onstage in Desdemona's "imaginary love."

But, amid the farce, Gaston's melancholy soul surfaces a poignant note of realism throughout the film. Lapointe is often crying in the role. And beneath the movie's jaunty rhythms of offbeat comedy, there is a sad undercurrent of blues. The story takes place in a Quebec winter of discontent. It always seems to be snowing. Snow falls wetly from a blue-gray dawn as Solalida watches Gaston play his trumpet in the emptiness of the waterfront. Snow is dislodged from the hood of a car as it is ripped by her former boyfriend.

classic tale of village whimsy. In an interview last week, the director acknowledged that the Italian tilt of *Une Histoire inventée* sound track by Quebec pop-star Serge Gainsbourg may encourage it. Forcier cited master director Vittorio de Sica, an Italian neo-realist, and Jean Vigo, a French surrealist, as some crucial influences that Forcier added, "I consider my ancestry North American."

Although his movie is distinctly rooted in Quebec, he said, "I don't think cultural identity is a fundamental value in a film." With *Une Histoire inventée*, Forcier confirms his own identity as a cosmopolitan in the theatre of the imagination.

BRAD D. JOHNSON

Tall Prairie tale

A veteran author revisits old ground

ROSES ARE DIFFICULT HERE

By W. O. Mitchell
(McClelland & Stewart, 325 pages, \$26.95)

In his first novel, *Who Also Saw the Wind* (1947), told the story of a young boy's coming of age in small-town Saskatchewan, and became an award-winning and internationally classic. Since then, W. O. Mitchell has continued to draw on the folkly appeal of small-town Prairie life, spinning tall tales of memorable, usually offbeat characters to build one of the most successful careers in Canadian fiction. *Roses Are Difficult Here*, the Calgary author's seventh novel, extends that tradition—with disappointing results. Once substituting stereotypes for characters and clichés for conversations, the novel leaves the stamp of a writer far when a well-worn formula is starting to become downright threadbare.

Set in the 1950s in the fictional town of Shelby, Alta., *Roses Are Difficult Here* examines the havoc wrought when a young, attractive female sociologist from an unnamed Ontario university pays a professional visit, lured on researching an in-depth study of the town's social structure. Jane Melquist turns to Matt Stanley, the editor of the weekly *Shelby Chronicle*, to introduce her to several of the town's more colorful residents. Gradually she enters herself. Stanley identifies with the difficult task of having to win over their confidence, and eventually convinces several of the town's more recalcitrant characters to open up to her.

But Stanley also has other, less benign reasons for using Melquist. Although relatively content in his marriage to Shelby native named Ruth, and the happy father of three-year-old Sam, Stanley has been feeling increasingly dissatisfied with the limitations of small-town life. Even as he tells himself that he is merely being hospitable to a stranger, Stanley clearly thinks that it is a high time for someone to judge the self-satisfied residents of Shelby by a higher standard than their own. And although he denies it even to himself, Stanley is obviously charmed by the young sociologist.

As Melquist delves into her study, the novel becomes a catalogue of Shelby life—and of its citizens' reactions to the interloper in their midst. On the town's ruling of local society, a married couple, women called, Marie; Napoleon, wife of the town's septo-tank cleaner, immediately takes to Melquist, offering her eloquent insights into life at the bottom. Referring to Nettie Fitzgerald, the wealthy wife of the town's doctor, Harry Fitzgerald, Napoleon



Mitchell: a throwaway formula

tells Melquist, "You go to Mrs. Fitzgerald if you want to find out all about the cows, anything you want about the show, you come to me." Meanwhile, the doctor's wife, whom Mitchell describes as "undoubtedly the grocer dame of Shelby society," turns a cold shoulder on the inquisitive intruder. The paranoiac seems clearly torn that the sociologist will trumpet the cultural backwardness of Shelby in a world that is just waiting for an excuse to ridicule the town.

More grudgingly under the reaction of Stanley's domineering secretary, Millie Cocker. A self-loathing, insecure woman, Cocker resents Melquist's intrusion of Shelby as well as

the sociologist's budding friendship with Stanley. A voracious reader of such trashy magazines as *U.S. Weekly* and *Adelphi* (Lew, Cocker assumes he will that Melquist and Stanley are carrying on a torrid love affair. Tormented by her own longing for Stanley, Cocker lets her addled suspicions lead her to commit a hateful and malicious act that makes Stanley finally confront his growing discontent with life in Shelby.

The book is strongest when Mitchell describes everyday details of Shelby life. The soprano voice of one member of the church choir is "droll as a Silesian hating a pure love." Capturing the self-conscious awkwardness of teenage girls waiting to live at a church dinner, he writes that they "now and again touched fingers tenderly to preface waves from the Shelby Beauty Parlor or home-permanent kits."

But, despite these details and some colorful passages into the charm and the pettiness of small-town life, *Roses Are Difficult Here* is ultimately failed by black-and-white characters and a strained plot. Melquist's presence in Shelby as an official outsider is too facile a device for unveiling the residents' shortcomings. Also disappointing is the novel's unsatisfying conclusion, in which Stanley miraculously overcomes his mounting disgust with the small towns of Shelby by returning to the town's defense in a patriotic editorial in the *Chronicle*. Like many of his able but long-winded characters, with *Roses Are Difficult Here* Mitchell has spun one tall Prairie tale too many.

VICTOR DRYER

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BEST-SEVEN LIST

FICTION

- 1 *The Plain of Passages*, Asif (7)
- 2 *Songbird*, Freeman (5)
- 3 *The Swimmer and his Lifeboat*, Gervais (10)
- 4 *Spy Seeker*, Dugdale (4)
- 5 *Roses Are Difficult Here*, Mitchell
- 6 *Promises, Promises*, Dett (7)
- 7 *Sothy Rose*, Collins
- 8 *The Burden of Proof*, Tasso (8)
- 9 *The First Man in Rome*, McCullagh
- 10 *Rebbit* or *Reet*, Uhlir (5)

NONFICTION

- 1 *By Way of Description*, Conway and Ng (3)
- 2 *Inside Manning*, Fiedler (4)
- 3 *A Life on the Fringe*, Jarry (3)
- 4 *An Act of Violence*, Swenson (3)
- 5 *Geistly: An Autobiography*, Gervais (7)
- 6 *The Great Depression*, Dett (3)
- 7 *Indescent and Our Times*, Clouston and McNeil
- 8 *Counting Down*, Barker (8)
- 9 *Business Visible*, Sjöberg (6)
- 10 *Belknap*, Achtyl

(1) *Frontiers last week*

Compiled by Brian Boland

Birth of a Notion.

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Would a tryout cover damages?

BY ALLAN FOTHERINGHAM

So you see, son arrives in Toronto. Same son, as faithful readers will recall, who was last encountered smacking the reporter, as Regis's Nuncio, on his mission—eventually successful—one 18 months—to hitchhike from Cape to Cape. Malware, legions, lobby influence, the usual son afflicted as young son descended to examine a world beyond Tupperware. Fresh from backpacking 90 blocks in a Nuncio canyon over these days and averting another single human being through bawling at some of the larger animals, son has the quaint idea that he would like to see the worst hockey team in the world that his father, as a Depression babe, once planned to play left wing for.

Father, obedient, glib-ridden. Prudent virtue, dress down to what since was the stretch of the season, Maple Leaf Gardens. On the sidewalk, as he is each game day, is our favorite scouter, Mike Whuynin. In his familiar red cowboy cap and black leather coat, Mike is more a fixture on the sidewalk than the first baseman that is approximately his size.

Mike fixes up your apost, as he fixes up all innocent tourists from Otter Hunch, Min., and suck your stomach into full belly; you are not only card-carrying Canadians, which they were seen the pitiful Maple Leafs of Apple/Dis/linked/Denver/able/shoots/score from. It is not to say that Mike is exaggerating this day, but he has a certain cast, since the public prints have revealed that his mother, one Rose MacFadden, claims that the dear departed Harold Ballard is Mike's natural father.

This, you must understand, is a natural offspring of the fastest-growing cottage industry in the country: scuffling at the alleged legitimate offspring of the busy Ballard, who may be grinning in whatever precinct he now resides. People are sprouting out of the bushes everywhere to claim they are the products of the seed of Pat Hal.

The scuffling can, as happens, while the body is scarcely chilled, goes offstage but the lawyer industry is lightning. The father of Mike does not wage the estate, or each other.



Yakola, the blood parasite who was Ballard's mass apostle in his fading years, has been in court demanding a year's support payments, including \$1,000 a month to pay someone to enforce dog, which apparently is the size of a large pony.

If you will bear with me, 19-year-old Denise Bertha hid her lawyer in court as going that she is Ballard's child under Ontario's Succession Law Reform Act. Bertha now lives with Yakola and wanted the courts to award her \$13,000 a year to support her through law school—an entirely appropriate demeriton since the Ballard industry will keep the legal lengths in court for decades to come, if current precedents are any indication.

Actually, Pat Hal is almost forgiven his congenital vulgarity since all this has generated a certain amount of worldly sophistication to Canada and Toronto. This is the season of fiction, of course but can be witnessed by the

ghostwritten memoirs of Donald Trump and Jack Webster, but the Ballard saga packs us up into global melodrama.

Patience: successors to fortunes are always groping around. Assistant, the exact phrase seeking the theme in the name of the Romanov, is better than the soap. Every time a European government topples, some emerald chertise wonder glistening surfaces from the British Isles gazing titles to claim his right to the throne that was vacated by his debauched ancestor's messy sex orgy saga.

It is time, therefore, to put all these Ballard claims to rest. If the actual truth be known, your blushing scribe is the one and only legitimate offspring of the spirit of the party. Ballard, as we all know, was the most hated man in the history of Canada, provoking Brian Mulroney in the polls in that regard. It may seem entirely appropriate that he might like to leave something on the sidewalk outside the Gardens, that being Mike Whuynin, but it is not true.

The author, who has never revealed his before even to close friends and harem, is the product of a liaison between Pat Hal and a waitress in a Man's Room brothel prior to when, in intellectual wellspring known locally by those familiar with the highway industry, Softcore web Wandering. It was a dark and stormy night but that's another column.

It was clear early on that Ballard and I had a genetic connection, since neither one of us knew anything about hockey. I wanted to be Home Modular when I grew up and he wanted to be Ice Hockey. His refusal to grant me a tryout with the Leafs did not save me entirely on our relationship, since I realized he was no better than his lawyer's brooding of all those other attorneys to his perceptive power—the scorpions on the sidewalk, the grotesque real estate, the relatives, Yakola with her pony that walks like a dog.

Hereon a day in court when we will all show up, reader like the Rome Colosseum on the day the Christians are gobbled down on the turf before they release the lions. All we want is Pat Hal's dough, the lawyer in the courtroom in the bleachers, the drool oozing down their chins.

Even Michael Wilson has shown the dread of forward to cross his lips and the economy in changing the delivered word by late laws, but there is some hope in the lead. The fight over who gets to cheat on the Pat Hal estate will go on for decades, the legal fees resulting thereof to pump start the recovery based on the tons that flowed from and forced him to fight his offspring all across the city. Pat Hal is court Monday morning.

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